
Immaturity – A Trojan Horse

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Part 4: “Understanding” - Sunday, May 2, 2021

1 Corinthians 13:11 (**Speaking / Thinking / Understanding**)

- Understanding is connected to maturity and fruitfulness
- “An ear to hear” = Understanding
- Revelation – 8 times – “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says...”

Matthew 13:10-23 (NKJ) (**Parable of the Sower**)

- NOTE: Mark’s account declares (Mark 4:13 NKJ) – “...*Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?*”
- Understanding is connected to fruit (maturity)
- (Vs. 10-14) Understanding is vital
- (Vs. 15) They were dull of hearing. (Hebrews 5:11)
 - o They closed their eyes and ears. (Not God)
- (Vs. 16-17) We are blessed!
 - o We have ears to hear; eyes to see
- (Vs. 18) Therefore hear the parable
 - o Choose to hear and see!
- (Vs. 19-23) The understanding of the parable

- Did not understand
- **2nd Ground** – Stony
 - Persecutions / Tribulations
 - Offense
- **3rd Ground** – Thorns
 - Cares of the world (worry / fear)
 - Deceitfulness of riches
 - Lust of other things (Mark 4)
- **4th Ground** – Good ground
 - Victory Life
 - Hears God's Word = "Ears to hear"
 - Understanding = Fruit (30 / 60 / 100 fold)

Amos 8:11-12 (NKJ) (**A Form of a Curse**)

- God is not cursing us, rather, we are rejecting the blessing of His Word

Job 28:28 – *"And to man he said, 'Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.'"*

Proverbs 9:10 – *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the Knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

- Revere God and His Word
- Get a knowledge of God
- Recognize the value of His Word and hear Him