
Immaturity – A Trojan Horse

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1 Corinthians 13:11-12 (NKJ)

1. Speak / Think / Understanding
2. Adults put away childish ways.
 - Trojan horse = Malware (malicious + software)
 - Virus on a computer
 - Unwittingly accepting corrupt files (trojan)
3. Immaturity accepts things that can corrupt.
 - Deception
 - Division
 - Defeat
 - Default

Hebrews 5:11-14 (NKJV)

- Verse 11 – “Dull of hearing”
 - AMPC – “...*you have become dull and sluggish in your spiritual hearing and disinclined to listen*”
 - Passive listeners versus lean-in listeners.
- Verse 14 (ESV) – “*But solid food is for the mature for those who have their power of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*”
 - Discerning good from evil / truth from lies / God from Satan / Christ from Antichrist.

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

- You may discern the will of God, what is good, what is acceptable, what is perfect.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NKJV)

- Verse 3 – Envy, strife, and division = Immaturity.
 - o Proverbs 13:10 (ref)
 - o Pride = self-centered (babies)
 - o Their immaturity wasn't having a favorite speaker.
 - It wasn't receiving God's word from others.
 - Dull of hearing
 - o They were looking at men instead of God who gives the increase.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (NKJV)

- **Speak** the same thing
- Same **mind**
- Same **judgment**
- (I'm of Paul / I'm of Apollos / I'm of Cephas / I'm of Christ)
- Is Christ divided?
- We need to hear from them all; not just one.

Maturity is being able to receive all God has, through anyone who speaks God's word.

Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)

God's word, regardless of the vessel, changes lives for the good if mixed with faith.