

How

Do I Read Mature Faith?

1. Be a teacher of God's word, as you ought to be.

- Hebrews 5:11-14

11" Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

2. Train yourself to discern the difference between good and evil, 5:14.

3. If you still have love for this world, re-focus your life.

- 1 John 2:15-17

15” Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

4. Put childish ways behind you.

- 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

9 "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child:

but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

5. At the same time, your faith needs child-like qualities.

- Matthew 18:1-4

18 "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, **Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."**

Simply put trust the wisdom of your Heavenly Father.

6. Forget the Past and press on.

- Philippians 3:12-15

12 “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”

7. Make “winning as many as possible” your lifestyle.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 “For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.”

Make it your will to do his will!