

“By Then You Should Know...”

*Attaining Spiritual Maturity - Lesson #3
Fall 2011 – September 21st, 2011*

Scripture: Ephesians 4.1-16

1. When does spiritual education end?

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| a. Graduation from Bible school? | d. Once children leave the home? |
| b. Following college? | e. At physical retirement? |
| c. After marriage? | |

2. What verses speak of continual spiritual education?

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| a. _____ | b. _____ |
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Why do Christians stop growing?

- Slothfulness/laziness (Hebrews 6.12)
- Lack of teaching (Titus 2.3-4, 6)
- “...dull of hearing.” (Hebrews 5.11)
- “...in love with the present world.” (2 Timothy 4.9)
- Desires of the flesh (1 John 2.16)
- Desires of the eyes (1 John 2.16)
- Pride in possessions (1 John 2.16)

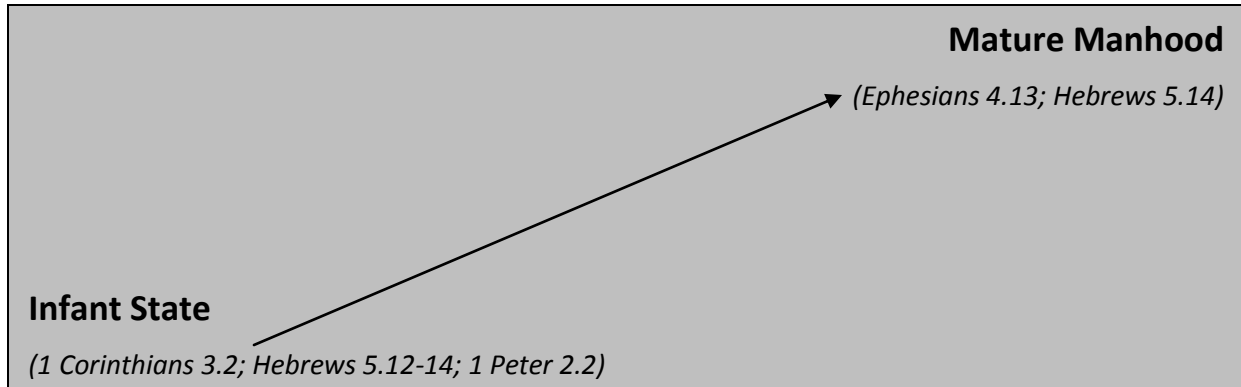
What would you add to the list?

The Text of Ephesians 4.13:

“...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”

(Ephesians 4.13; ESV)

1. How does one reach mature manhood?



Application:

1. What have we been given to assist us in our spiritual maturity?
2. Are there others present to assist us in spiritual maturity?

Discover Your R. O. L. E.

- **R – Realize Your Abilities/Gift**
 - (Matthew 25.14-30; Romans 12.3-8; 2 Corinthians 8.1-4)
- **O – Optimize your Abilities/Gift**
 - (Hebrews 13.20-21; Acts 6.1-7)
- **L – Lend Your Abilities/Gift**
 - (Acts 6.1-7)
- **E – Execute Your Role**
 - (Matthew 25.24-30; 1 Peter 4.10, 11)