

“By Then You Should Know...”

*Attaining Spiritual Maturity – Lesson #7
Fall 2011 – November 9th, 2011*

Scripture: Romans 15.1

“We who are strong have an obligation to bear the failings of the weak; no to please ourselves.”¹

Discussion Questions:

1. Can a person be genuinely interested in Bible Study?
2. How does one stay interested in Bible Study?

State of the Church Series, 2011 by George Barna

- *Bible reading _____ . Currently, _____ of adults read their Bibles weekly.*
- *Church Volunteerism _____ since 1991. _____ donate time each week to churches.*
- *Adult Sunday School attendance _____ . _____ of adults will show up for Sunday school.*
- *Since 1991, attendance _____ . Currently, _____ attend services.*

¹ *The Holy Bible: English standard version. 2001 (Romans 15.1). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.*

"Nobody ever outgrows Scripture: the Book widens and deepens with our years."

(Charles Spurgeon)

Discussion Questions:

1. How does someone become mature in the Scriptures?

a. _____ (Hebrews 5.11)

b. _____ (Hebrews 5.14)

c. _____ (Hebrews 5.14)

An Atheist Supposedly Once Said...

(Author Unknown)

If I firmly believed, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of Christianity in this life influences destiny in another world, Christianity would be to me, everything. I would cast aside earthly cares as follies and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Christianity would be my first waking thought, and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness.

I would labor for its cause alone. I would take thought for the morrow and eternity alone. I would go forth to the world and preach Christ in season and out of season, and my text would be:

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"