



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

Wednesday 28 January 2015

TITLE: *HOW OLD ARE YOU SPIRITUALLY (III)?*

TEXT: *1 Corinthians 13:11; 2 Tim 4:3-4*

When I was a child, I spoke like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 1 Cor. 13:11

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 2 Tim 4:3-4

INTRODUCTION

This week as we continue with our monthly focus of How Old Are You Spiritually? We look at one of the fascinating characteristics of a child, which is the thought-life of a child.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. What is one characteristic of a child we learn in 2 Timothy 4:3?
2. Can you identify some of the things that a child is always itching to hear?
3. What things do we itch to hear in our day-to-day spiritual journey? Why do we select the particular preachers we follow on TV?
4. How should we respond to teachings that contradict our expectations or disrupt our comfort zones?
5. What is “sound doctrine”? What should take precedence, our interests or soundness? Why?
6. According to 2 Tim 4:4, believers can turn their ears away from what and towards what? What should we rather do? What are “fables”?
7. What other example of childish thinking do we learn from the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15: 12?
8. Looking into our relationship with God and our prayer life, would you identify with this “give me” attitude portrayed by the Prodigal Son? [Remember: *the “Gidza” mentality!*]
9. As mature children of God, what attitude should we come with to the Lord? Are you ready to give up childish thinking?



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