

PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE STUDY #20
THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

cf. Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:1-6

- At issue is who _____ the knowledge. God never intended for Adam and Eve to be in _____. He wanted them to have that knowledge through their knowledge of _____.

I. BE A LEARNER

cf. John 16:12 - Learning the Bible is a _____ process. Sometimes, you will not understand passages of the Bible because you do not have the necessary spiritual _____.

- When you come to a passage you don't understand, you must never violate the rules of Bible study. If you still don't understand, it may be because you are not mature enough to understand, or that God is not yet _____ to reveal it to you.

cf. Proverbs 2:1-5

- The goal of Bible study is not God's knowledge, but knowledge _____. Set your heart on knowing _____ rather than just knowing the _____ of the Bible.

cf. 1 Corinthians 8:1 - Knowledge alone _____

cf. Colossians 1:10 - Our goal is to increase in the knowledge _____ God, not God's knowledge. Don't be frustrated by what you don't know. Instead, simply do what you already know to _____ and choose not to worry about what you do not understand.

II. BE SUBMISSIVE

cf. Romans 8:6-7 - The _____ mind is against God's word, but the _____ mind is submissive to God's word.

cf. James 4:7 - Submitting to God involves being submissive to His _____. Never make the Bible line up with what you believe. Always line up your life to _____ what the Bible says.

III. BE WISE

cf. Romans 11:33, 34

cf. Isaiah 55:8, 9

- You will never completely _____ God. If you could, then you would be God's equal!

"If I understand all of the Bible, it would only prove that whoever wrote it is no smarter than I am." - Sam Jones

cf. 1 Corinthians 2:16 - You have the _____ of Christ. The Bible is the Book of God's _____, said to be His mind.

cf. Philippians 2:5 - God desires that the mind of Christ be _____ us. You cannot be Christ-like unless you know what _____. Reading, studying, and meditating on God's word as how this occurs.

You don't need to worry about what you don't understand as long as God is in charge of your life, since He understands

_____.