

“Be Infants in Evil, but Mature in Understanding”

1 Corinthians 14:20 (NKJV)

“Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.”

The Bible teaches us something very important here: we are called to be mature in our thinking, yet childlike when it comes to evil. This raises a crucial question—what does it truly mean to be infants in evil?

When we observe infants, there are many lessons we can learn from them. One of the greatest lessons is innocence. A newborn baby has no guilt and no malice. Infants are not liars, rebels, drunkards, adulterers, murderers, oppressors, criminals, or violent people. Evil does not dwell in them. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ emphasized that we, too, must undergo a transformation of character and become like little children.

Matthew 18:3-4 (NKJV)

“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus is not calling us to childish ignorance, but to humility, purity, and freedom from malice. To be “infants in evil” means to have hearts that do not entertain wickedness, bitterness, or sinful desires.

However, Scripture does not stop there. It also commands us to be mature in understanding. A mature mind is one that has put away old, sinful patterns of life. Just as a child who once played in the mud and desired sweets every day eventually grows up and abandons childish behaviors, so also a believer must abandon former sinful ways.

This spiritual maturity happens when a person receives Jesus Christ. The old life is left behind, and a new life begins.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

In contrast, a person who remains outside of faith and continues in the corruption of the world is described biblically as lacking understanding. Scripture even compares such a person to animals that perish.

Psalm 49:20 (NKJV)

“A man who is in honor, yet does not understand, is like the beasts that perish.”

The Bible is very direct on this matter. It teaches that a person who commits adultery lacks understanding:

Proverbs 6:32 (NKJV)

“Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does so destroys his own soul.”

Likewise, one who despises or mocks others is also said to lack wisdom and understanding:

Proverbs 11:12 (NKJV)

“He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor...”

Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for us to leave the old ways of sin and turn to Christ, so that we may receive true understanding. Only Jesus Christ has the power to transform a human heart. No other person can accomplish this work in us.

Have you received this Jesus?

Are you certain that if Christ were to come today, you would go with Him?

If you have not yet received Jesus Christ, what are you waiting for? What have a life of sin and worldly pleasures truly given you? If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity?

May the Lord help us.

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