

1st John # 37

“Overcoming the Evil One”

1st John 2:12-14

It's always to the advantage of any believer to hear, understand, believe and apply biblical truth.

These mature believers have come to know Him (TLJC) and to know Him well because they've learned these things in the past and have now arrived at the point where learning all of this biblical truth has great meaning to them.

They now understand the purpose for their motivation when they didn't want to go to Bible class and didn't want to hear Bible teaching; yet they went anyway and it's paid off.

This is maximum category 1 and 3 love, so this person has the greatest possible inner strength, integrity and honor as a member of the human race because there's no greater strength than to be able to resolve people problems with impersonal love.

Consistency in living and functioning inside the plan of God is the lifestyle of the believer who reaches spiritual maturity.

In addition to learning biblical truth, there must be consistent application of biblical truth of distraction by human viewpoint thinking and distraction by people and this demands switching from whatever our attitude may be to another attitude of impersonal love.

Knowledge is the key, spiritual knowledge from learning biblical truth and wisdom is the application of that truth.

Sooner or later, we must realize there's no spiritual advance without motivation from learning the whole realm of biblical truth.

We must come to the point where taking in the Word of God is a habit.

And hearing advanced truth before we're ready to understand it will help us avoid many traps of distraction in the future and while we're avoiding these traps, we develop a frame of reference so one day when that truth comes to us in a passage, we already heard it but didn't understand, so then we'll say "Ah, I've got it now, I understand it and can use it."

Fathers in our context are great achievers in the spiritual realm who reach God's objective of glorifying the Lord Jesus and receive great blessings in time which are nothing compared to the great blessings of eternity.

In Old Testament times, only 2 people ever received the highest title of the spiritual life; friend of God and they were Abraham and Moses and they didn't have the Church Age plan of God that we have.

Now, we can make it to spiritual maturity in a relatively short period of time.

Jesus had maximum love for God the Father and also a great capacity for personal love of friends, family and loved ones, *from the beginning.*

Biblical truth is the only information that puts integrity into our souls and that gives us and

maintains for us, our enforced and genuine humility so our ability to function with impersonal love which is our virtue is related to processed truth or wisdom.

Our wisdom is our virtue and we don't lose our virtue by sinning but we lose our experiential fellowship with the Trinity when we grieve or quench the Spirit.

Being out of fellowship and losing our virtue are 2 different things; losing our virtue comes from negative reaction to the Word which causes us to lose our integrity.

Biblical truth in us is virtue and virtue is symptomatic of biblical truth in us which has the power and ability to forgive by immediately switching to impersonal love.