

Knowing That You Don't Know Everything

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Scripture References:

- Proverbs 28:26, *MSG*
- 1 Corinthians 8:1, 2, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 13:12
- 1 Corinthians 13:12, *NLT*
- Matthew 6:34, *NLT*
- Psalm 118:24
- 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, *NLT*
- John 16:13

Summary:

As Christians, emotional maturity should be a goal of ours. One of the signs of emotional maturity is admitting that we don't know everything and that there's always something new to learn. An attitude like this demonstrates flexibility and a willingness to keep an open mind, and positions us for the kind of continual learning that leads to greater wisdom. Conversely, thinking that we know it all is a sign of arrogance; an inflexible mindset that says that our way of thinking is the only correct way leads to strife and arguments. Depending on God to teach us what we need to know keeps us humble and enables Him to use us mightily.

Notes:

1. A sign of emotional maturity is humbly admitting that we don't know everything; there's absolutely nothing wrong with this.
2. When people with different opinions are each convinced that only *their* beliefs are correct, then discussion and dialogue disappear; problems surface, and fights, hostility, and strife show up.
3. Paul had the wisdom to realize that whatever we know while still on earth will be imperfect.
4. There are upsides to not knowing everything and having incomplete knowledge. It causes us to take life one day at a time; knowing everything about the future before it happens would be stressful and overwhelming.
5. It also makes us kinder toward each other; not knowing the whole story behind someone else's life should make us very slow to judge them.

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