

SPIRITUAL OBTUSENESS

*Dull; sluggish; indolent, slow to move - ears; Perceptive faculties to soul.
Sluggish and inert*

Matthew 13:14

Hebrews 5:11

OBTUSENESS

1. Not pointed...blunt. Slow in action. Slow in perception.

DEGRESS OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE AMONG CHRISTIANS. They differ because:

1. Some are "Babes."

- (1) These babes may be young in years or more mature in years, All (young or old) are newly come to the truth.
- (2) All babes must be fed with the simplest elements of truth...Christian living.

2.2. Some are "Full grown men."

- (1) These full grown persons have acquired such knowledge of the Scriptures as to become qualified to act as a "teacher" in the Church. Heb. 5:12
- (2) *Our young women not attending class - Titus 2:3, 4*
The Bible knowledge of the "full grown man" has sharpened his spiritual perception that he can readily see and distinguish between "GOOD AND EVIL" in morals and doctrine. Hebrews 5:14

3. Some in the church are invalids. SPIRITUAL PYGMIES

- (1) They are not able to assimilate the "solid food" of the word of God. 1 Cor. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:15
Romans 10:1-3
- (2) Many of these spiritual invalids have heart-trouble. Matthew 6:21; Acts 8:18-23
- (3) Many are afflicted with spiritual cancer. A disease of the body tissues, bone, or blood.
 1. It corrodes slowly, perhaps imperceptibility, but fatally. Mark 4:28, 29...

WHY THESE SPIRITUAL INVALIDS?

1. The want of earnest, careful Bible study. 1 Thess. 4:11
2. *Gilbert - 7 Robbs Closed up Compn Saturday night*
Irrigularity in attendance. Hebrews 10:25
3. UNEDIFYING preaching. Otherwise a congregation may be expected to become "Dull of hearing." Heb. 5:11

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