

# THE BIG KIDS' TABLE

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY



On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

**- 1 Thessalonians 2:4**

# **Lesson 1: Embracing His nature**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

**- Romans 12:3**

**Lesson 1: Embracing His nature**

**Tests 1&2: Obscurity and Fame**

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**- Galatians 1:10**

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court;  
indeed, I do not even judge myself.

**- 1 Corinthians 4:3**

## **Lesson 2: Listening to His voice**



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## **Test 1&2: Audience and Focus**

How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God ?

**- John 5:44**

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

**- John 12:42**

No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.

**- Romans 2:29**

The LORD spoke to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said: 12 "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. 13 The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread

**- Isaiah 8:11-13**

Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

**- Isaiah 66:2**

But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

**- Numbers 20:12**

# **Lesson 3: Working in team**



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## **Test 1: The harness**

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

**- Romans 15:1**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**- Ephesians 4:2**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**- Colossians 3:13**

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