

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put the away childish things. NKJV

It's time to put some things away! It's time to take the mature approach to life. It's time to grow up. God said in His word you will go from faith to faith. There are some new levels you desire to see fulfilled in your life and there are some new levels God is preparing you for. As you become more and more uncomfortable with where you are God is saying it's time to put some things away and time to put some things in order. Stop asking God to remove it instead make a decision and purposely PUT IT down! You are not waiting on God but God is waiting on you to make the next move. God is allowing you to become increasingly more uncomfortable and dissatisfied with your current situations to increase your desire to move. In the game Monopoly, it is famous for its "GO TO JAIL" card. On the card it states..."do not pass GO, do not collect \$200.00" In life from time to time you feel jailed so to speak. You feel you should be further along than you currently are. You feel as though you are not making any progress. Like the Monopoly card states you are missing your reward due to being jailed in a childish way of living. Your progress is not dependent on your past failures or the things you didn't receive as a child; your progress is dependent on your cooperation with God and His Holy Spirit!

SYSTEMS UNDER TEST or S.U.T

In the above scripture God inspired Paul to write about his childish ways. Paul specifically stated his speech, his understanding and his thinking were impacted by his childish ways. Paul was explaining the process he went through in maturing. He explains that his way of speaking, understanding

and thinking or his S.U.T had to grow. There is nothing wrong with being childish when you are actually a child but when you become an adult those things are no longer accepted. Many Christians have stunted spiritual growth. On the outside they seem to be more mature. These "mature" Christians have been a part of the body of Christ for years but on the inside concerning their hearts they suffer from Immature Inner Life Syndrome. They have not done the things that God has asked them to in order to continue to mature and grow spiritually. (See 1st Corinthians 3:2 and Hebrews 5:12-14) Year by year you should become a little better, a little more like Christ. You should become too big for your old system. Your system should continue to change as you grow. What used to anger you should no longer make you angry. What use to cause you financial hardships should no longer cause you financial hardship; what you use to have a taste for, a hunger for; you should no longer crave. God has called you to make an impact on the world. You may be asking "How can I do that?" Start by being a Christian. Being a Christian is a lifestyle. It begins by believing Jesus Christ lived and died for your sins. Once you believe and confess that Jesus paid the penalty for sin then you allow Him to Lord over your life. Once you confess and decide you no longer want to live life without God, He seals you with His Holy Spirit. One of the Holy Spirits job is to teach us how to live life according to the Word of God and to become more like Jesus. This requires you to spend time studying the Word of God and time praying. It requires you to push yourself outside of your comfort zone and begin to practice what you learn and what the Holy Spirit leads you to do. In life we don't have room to tell God no especially now when sin is running ramped and the world is encouraging a life full of moral decay. In **Romans 12**, it states you must renew your mind. Your antiquated thoughts have held you captive to repeating bad behaviors. You have found yourself stalking the issues you are trying to get rid of. Even your issues think you have issues. Don't allow fear and a lack of discipline keep

you from experiencing the true Life Christ died for you to have. The life you desire and the life that if you don't live will leave you unsatisfied and feeling empty. There will always be something or someone trying to stop you. Don't allow the "Theys" keep you from your destiny. "They" will always try to hold you back; "They" will not leave you alone. Satan uses the "Theys" to try and hold you hostage. Surrender to God and His grace will be there to enable you to change. Those people around you will begin to notice subtle changes and become eager to find out what's new in your life. You will change the legacy of your family. You and your loved ones will begin to see generational curses those bad habits that's been in your family for years be broken off. Each generation will be better than the previous because you made the decision to enter into an intimate relationship with God and allow Him to transform you from the inside out. Be brave take courage and let go of your childish ways and embrace a new system, a new way of speaking, understanding and thinking!