

I Will Not Teach You Profound Doctrines

by Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius emphasizes the importance of spiritual maturity and the need for foundational teachings over profound doctrines for new believers.

Scripture: Psalm 145:3, Isaiah 6:2, 1 Corinthians 3:1, Ephesians 1:21, Colossians 1:16

Topics: "Spiritual Humility", "Discipleship Growth"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch humbly acknowledges his limitations in understanding and communicating deep spiritual truths to the Corinthians, fearing that sharing mysteries beyond their capacity may harm them. Despite his knowledge of heavenly things and spiritual realms, he recognizes his imperfections and the need for continual growth to avoid falling short of God, expressing a desire to progress in his discipleship journey akin to Paul and Peter.

Transcript

For might not I write to you things more full of mystery? But I fear to do so, lest I should inflict injury on you who are but babes [in Christ].

Pardon me in this respect, lest, as not being able to receive their weighty import, ye should be strangled by them.

For even I, though I am bound [for Christ], and am able to understand heavenly things, the angelic orders, and the different sorts of angels and hosts, the distinctions between powers and dominions, and the diversities between thrones and authorities, the mightiness of the Aeons, and the pre-eminence of the cherubim and seraphim, the sublimity of the spirit, the kingdom of the Lord, and above all, the incomparable majesty of Almighty God-though I am acquainted with these things, yet am I not therefore by any means perfect; nor am I such a disciple as Paul or Peter. For many things are yet wanting to me, that I may not fall short of God.

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