

# People Who Know It All

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

*2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV*

I recall being in the lecture hall one day and finding myself getting more and more frustrated with one particular fellow student. I was in my 50's at the time, and the object of my frustration was in his early twenties. This particular student had an opinion on every issue raised in class and delighted in being the first to respond to any question asked.

When a student asked the professor a question, this annoying student would give an answer before the teacher could get started with his comment. After this person had interrupted the teacher numerous times—to impart his wisdom—I lost it.

I interrupted the student doing all the interrupting and asked him to cease his endless speaking and let us hear what the professor had to say. I said that we had paid our tuition to hear the teacher's opinion on the topics and not his. I know I was rough on the enthusiastic young man, but I had

more of him than my good manners could endure.

When you meet up with someone who seems to have all the answers, you can be certain that person has not heard all the questions. I have had the privilege of knowing some highly intelligent, learned, and wise people. One thing I have observed about them is that they do not pretend to know it all.

Certain insecure people think they have all the answers. You see, insecure people have a desperate need to be able to explain all that is going on in the world around them. They cannot tolerate being unsure of anything. However, our security in life is not in having all the answers, but in following the One Who really does have all the answers.

The more we mature in life, the more unanswered questions we will have. The more we learn, the more we realize there is to learn. In the Christian life we find the

Bible telling us that we cannot have all the answers and we will not be given all the answers until that day when we see Jesus.

Our text today makes it very clear that we cannot expect God to tell us everything we might wish to know. Certain things are deliberately kept from us by God (Deuteronomy 29:29). Our business is to follow the Lord whether we understand why we are being led a certain way or not.

One wise person said, "Life can only be understood looking back but must be lived looking forward." How true it is and the sooner we learn to trust God when we do not understand Him the happier we shall be. Don't try to know it all, but rather exercise faith in the all wise and sovereign God. Come to Him and come today.

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