

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

### Hebrews 12:12-29

Memorize God's Word for the week: Hebrews 13:5b-6.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

#### **DAY 1: HEBREWS 12:12-15—DO THIS!**

1. What two charges are given to believers in 12:14?
  
2. a. What two warnings are given in 12:15?
  - 1)
  
  - 2)
  
- b. How can bitterness be avoided?

#### **DAY 2: HEBREWS 12:16-17—DO NOT DO THIS!**

3. a. According to Genesis 25:29-34, what was Esau's attitude toward his birthright?
   
  
 b. What is the "birthright" as described in Deuteronomy 21:15-17?
  
4. What is the warning for us in the account about Esau?
  
5. Hebrews 12:16 mentions two sins we are to avoid. How are these sins similar in their effect?

#### **DAY 3: HEBREWS 12:18-21—YOU ARE NOT HERE!**

6. Read Exodus 19:12-19 and 20:18-21. What caused a common mountain to become so uncommon? (See also Deuteronomy 4:10-13.)
  
7. What reaction did the Israelites have to this uncommon mountain? Why?

**DAY 4: HEBREWS 12:22-24—YOU HAVE COME HERE!**

8. Choose two of the following and briefly describe those with whom we share Mount Zion.
- “innumerable angels in festal gathering”* (See Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 5:11-12.)
  - “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven”* (See Luke 10:19-20; Revelation 20:15.)
  - “God, the judge of all”* (See Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10.)
  - “the righteous made perfect”* (See Philippians 3:8-12; Hebrews 11:39-40.)
  - “Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant”* (See 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15.)

**DAY 5: HEBREWS 12:25-29—REMEMBER THESE THINGS!**

9. a. Who are *“they”* in 12:25, and who warned them? (See 3:7-17.)
- b. Who warns us, and why is this warning (12:25-27) even more significant? (See 1:2; 10:15.)
10. a. Read Daniel 7:13-14. What specific truths about the kingdom of God are mentioned in these verses?
- b. How should *“receiving a kingdom”* (Hebrews 12:28; a present process) affect our attitude and behavior, according to Luke 12:27-34?
- c. How should *“receiving a kingdom”* affect our worship, according to Hebrews 12:28?

**DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

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**APPLY** what you have learned. We encourage a baby’s attempts to crawl because the little one’s proper development is our goal. So we motivate and instruct, while the baby does the required work. For Christians, there are responsibilities to consider and tasks to master that lead to spiritual maturity and godly character. Our Father encourages, motivates, and coaches. We, however, must make every effort to listen and obey, assisting one another along the way. What “baby steps” do you sense God is encouraging you to make today?