

“STEP UP” 

 UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON #2: The 6 Levels of Spiritual Growth

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- Part of growing is _____ where we are at and what it takes to get to the next level.

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

- *What is spiritual maturity?*
 - **True spiritual maturity is the ability to recognize what is _____ and what is _____.**

Hebrews 5:13-14 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1. A _____

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

- **A babe is one that needs to be _____ and _____.**
- Characteristics of this level;

a. They Resist _____

Psalms 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Psalms 119:44-45 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

b. They Want Their Own _____.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. . .

c. They Need Daily _____.

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

d. They Have Little _____.

1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

- **The main goal for a baby Christian is _____.**

2. A _____

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.

- **A child is one that needs to be _____.**

1 Peter 1:14-15 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

- Characteristics of this level:

a. They Are _____.

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

b. They Need _____.

Galatians 4:1-2 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame

c. They Lack The Ability To Look

_____.

Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

d. They Are Easily _____.

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

- **The main goal for a child is the _____ of the _____.**

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

