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SPIRITUAL BABIES

One of the sure signs of a new baby is that many times they are hard to put to sleep. You may rock them and feed them, and change their diaper, but many times they still cry. This stage changes as a child grows but can be very demanding on the Mom and Dad while they are growing out of this stage. Then comes the terrible twos, the teen years and finally they become adults. Mom and Dad are there but many times the “child” doesn’t want any advice through those teenage and early adult stages. They “think they know it all.”

Often Christians are like this. They go through many stages, but there are those that never get out of the baby stage. They have never grown up in the things of God. They want the sweetness of milk without the challenge of chewing on meat. God instructs us to grow and not be “little children.” We are told In I Corinthians 3: 1-3 ***“and I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 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. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, (fleshly) and walk as men?”*** The Church at Corinth was full of babes in Christ that had not matured. Because of that there were divisions and strife and envyings. They were like babies wanting their own way. Sadly, many are put into leadership. No wonder there are problems in some churches.

So how do you grow into maturity? You study the Word of God and grow in faith until you mature. Easy? No way! There will be skinned knees through the growth process, and fear of failure, but it must not supersede the growing. A church is full those that are babies, children, teens and adults, in their walk with God. We all are growing and at different stages.

Just like one would not want a child to stay in the baby stage, we cannot stay in the spiritual baby stage either. As one preacher so aptly put it and said, “it is time to grow up!” Think of it like this my friends, when there are mature Christians there will be no divisions, strife, and envyings. Sounds like Utopia, right? Well, that is what we should aim for.