



Stages of Spiritual Maturity

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1 John 2:12-14

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In the natural course of life, healthy children grow up. They grow from childhood into adolescence and on to becoming mature adults.

Unfortunately, this is not always true in the Christian life. Due to a lack of spiritual discipline and a love for the things of the world, many professing Christians never grow into mature believers (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

In our text, John addressed three different stages of spiritual growth and the characteristics associated with each phase.

Main Thought...

➔ All believers are to grow in _____ - _____.

1. There are _____ who know they are forgiven (v. 12, 13c).

Eph. 1:7; Gal. 4:19

2. There are _____ who have overcome the evil one (v. 13b, 14b).

- They are _____ in the Lord (v. 14b).
- The Word of God _____ in them (v. 14b).

Eph 6:10-11; 1 Tim. 4:7b-8; 1 Pet. 2:2; John 8:31b-32

3. There are _____ who know Him who is from the beginning (v. 13a, 14a).

Phil. 3:10; 2 Tim. 2:1-2

Final Thoughts...

➔ At what stage are you in your spiritual _____?

➔ Is anything holding back your spiritual _____?