

# You Big Baby! (Spiritual Growth)

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## Where are you in your Spiritual Growth?

**In the natural realm you're only young once, but you can spend a lifetime being spiritually immature.**

*"<sup>12</sup>I write unto you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I write unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, **young men**, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, **little children**, because ye have known the Father. <sup>14</sup>I have written unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, **young men**, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."* 1 John 2:12-14 (KJV)

## 3 Progressions of Spiritual Growth: Little Children, Young Men, Fathers

*"So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God."* 1 Peter 2:1-3 (MSG)

## A growing Christian is a maturing Christian.

*"<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not being merely human?"* 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (ESV)

**Christian, to be spiritually mature is to be more like Jesus.**

**The spiritually mature Christians are workers and warriors.**

**Workers labor in the Kingdom, serve in church, and give to the church.**

**Warriors will fight and stand boldly for the Kingdom. They will have the Sword.**