

64. Maturing in Christ

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. (1 Corinthians 13:11 NIV)

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly – mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you still are not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? For when one says, “I follow Paul.” And another, “follow Apollos,” are you not mere men? What, after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servant, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. (1 Corinthians 3:2-6 NIV)

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Therefore let us have leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so. (Hebrews 5:11-6:3 NIV)



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ACTING	FOOD	PERMITTING
ADDRESS	INFANT	PLANT
APOLLOS	INSTRUCTION	REASON
ASSIGN	JEALOUSY	REPENTANCE
BAPTISM	JUDGMENT	SOLID
CHILDISH	LAYING	TALK
CONSTANT	LEAVE	WATER
ELEMENTARY	MATURE	WAYS