

The Stages of Growing Strong
1 John 2:12-14, 2 Peter 3:18
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3 stages of Spiritual Maturity
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1. Little Children

- New Christians or long term believers not grounded in the word.
- Stuck in basics. Worldly attitudes. Led more by feelings than faith
- Limited desire for fellowship with believers
- Not accountable to leadership
- Prone to deception

2. Young Men

- Active in serving others
- Strong in the Word.
- No difficulty in repenting and forgiving others
- Sincere interest in prayer and worship
- Moving towards Christ-likeness

3. Fathers

- Soul winners and mentors
- Wise and discerning
- Lives are characterized by grace, mercy, faith, truth and love
- Leaving a legacy of faithfulness

Spiritual growth goes from knowing you're a Christian, to knowing the Word of God, to knowing God in fullness.

How to Grow Strong

1. We are to live for God's glory
2. We are content to do his will, no matter what the cost
3. We suffer when he suffers
4. We are willing to be outdone in what we do as long as he receives the glory
5. Confession of Sin