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To This

We MUST Grow Up

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Paul spoke of these three areas where he Grew from being a Child to a Man:

- His Speech (I spoke as a child)
- His Understanding (I understood as a child)
- His Thinking (I thought as a child)

The childish things Paul did away with would be:

- Childish Speech
- Childish Understanding
- Childish Thinking

1 John 2:1-6

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1 John 2:1-6 (continued)

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

These Little Children have the ability to:

- Not sin (v.1)
- Come to the Father through Jesus (v.1-2)
- Know God/Him (v.3)
- Keep the Commandments of God (v.3)
- Have the Love of God perfected within them (v.5)
- Walk as Jesus walked (v.6)

1 John 2:12-14

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

1 John 2:12-14 (continued)

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

The three levels of Spiritual Maturity:

- Little Children
- Young Men
- Fathers

What John says about each level of maturity-

Little Children:

- your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake (v.12)
- you have known the Father (v.13)

Young Men:

- you have overcome the wicked one (v.13)
- you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one (v.14)

Fathers:

- you have known Him *who is* from the beginning (v.13)
- you have known Him *who is* from the beginning (v.14)

Is your spiritual growth stunted?
If so, what is stunting your growth?

Hebrews 5:9-10

9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

10 called by God as High Priest

"ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK,"

Hebrews 5:11-14

11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Hebrews 5:11-14 (continued)

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The Writer of Hebrews goes onto say:

- by this time you ought to be teachers
- you need *someone* to teach you again
the first principles of the oracles of God
- you have come to need milk and not
solid food

“you have become dull of hearing” (v.11)

Dull (3576) *nothros*

G3576 (Strong's)

no-thros'

From a derivative of G3541; sluggish, that is, (literally) lazy, or (figuratively) stupid: - dull, slothful.

Total KJV occurrences: 2

G3576 (Thayer)

nōthros

Thayer Definition:

1) slow, sluggish, indolent, dull, languid

Part of Speech: adjective

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's

Number: from a derivative of G3541

G3576 (Word Study)

nōthrós; fem. nōthrá, neut. nōthrón, adj.

Slothful, sluggish, dull (Heb 5:11; Heb 6:12; Sept.: Pro 22:29).

Syn.: bradús (G1021), slow; argós (G692), idle; oknērós (G3636), lazy.

Ant.: tachús (G5036), quick, swift; tachinós (G5031), swift.

*****root word of nothros (3576)*** *Nothos***

(3541)

G3541 (Strong)

noth'-os

Of uncertain affinity; a spurious or illegitimate son: - bastard.

Total KJV occurrences: 1

G3541 (Thayer)

nothos

Thayer Definition:

1) illegitimate, bastard

2) one born, not in lawful wedlock, but of a concubine or female slave

Part of Speech: adjective

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's

Number: of uncertain affinity

G3541 (Word Study)

nóthos; gen. nóthou, masc.- fem., neut. nóthon, adj. An illegitimate or misbegotten child, one who is spurious (Heb 12:8).

Syn.: pseudés (G5571), false, untrue; hupokrités (G5273), hypocrite.

Ant.: alēthés (G227), telling the truth, unconcealed, true; alēthinós (G228), real, true, genuine; gnésios (G1103), lawfully begotten, genuine.

Low-Level things we need to overcome

(immaturity):

- **Offences**
- **Putting Family over God**
- **Putting Carnal Culture over God's Culture**
- **Having a Carnal Worldview over a Biblical Worldview**
- **Pornography (sexual sins)**
- **The constant need of deliverance**
- **Hyper-spirituality**

Low-Level things we need to overcome (immaturity):

- Issues of Pride
 - ✓ Self-centeredness
 - ✓ Selfishness
 - ✓ Self-absorption
 - ✓ Haughtiness
 - ✓ Arrogance
 - ✓ Lack of Humility
- An unwillingness to process and act upon the Word of God (this is the biggest)

