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**Grow Up!**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Key Truth:** Spiritual maturity should be the goal of every believer. **1 Peter 2:1-3**

**Three Types Of People:**

1. People that don’t know God.

2. People that know God.

3. People that know God, but act like they don’t.

**Two Indicators Of Spiritual Growth:**

1. Your relationship with others.

2. The role you play in the Kingdom.

 A. Are you a server or a taker?

 B. Are you a lover or a fighter?

**Some Misconceptions About Spiritual Maturity:**

1. Spiritual maturity doesn’t happen by accident.

2. Being born again doesn’t guarantee spiritual maturity.

3. Spiritual maturity is an intentional and interactive process.

**Destructive Signs Of Immaturity:**

1. The outworking of immaturity leads to strife, confusion, and

 disunity.

 A. Immaturity leads to jealousy of others and self-seeking

 agendas.

 B. Immaturity leads to envy and outward hostility toward

 others.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Obey what God has revealed to you in His Word, love one another deeply.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

At Corinth, Paul was writing to immature believers. What would you say are some of the things that have most helped you grow in your own spiritual maturity? What things have kept you from growing?

Does spiritual maturity mean you won’t have differences with other Christians? What does it mean?

Why does greater maturity naturally lead to greater unity?

God has given us some resources to help us do this consistently, most notably the Bible and other believers. What do the following passages say about each of these resources and how we can use them in our lives?

Psalm 19:7-14

Psalm 1:1-3

Hebrews 3:13

James 5:16

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Zechariah 4:6: Too often Christians try to live the Christian life in their own power rather than relying on God’s power. What do the following verses teach us about relying on God’s strength rather than our own?

What insight from the sermon could help you consistently choose to live as a spiritual person and thus experience the fruit of the Spirit?