

**A Mature Life Makes A Mature Church,
and A Mature Church Makes A Mature Life**

The N.T. reveals _____ of growth in the Christian life:

The baby stage - (1 Cor. 3:1-4) _____
(Influenced by World)

Solution:(1 Peter 2:2) Like newborn infants, desire the pure spiritual milk, so that you may grow by it for your salvation

Am I a spiritual baby?

The little child - (1 John 2:12, 14) _____, walking & talking.

- They are _____. If corrected, they _____.
- Easily puffed up and _____ of men.
- _____ the things that _____.

Am I a spiritual little child?

The young man - (1 John 2:13, 14)

- _____ and virile (capable of reproduction)
- Has _____ for the future.
- _____ for his productive years.

Am I a spiritual young man?

The father stage - (1 John 2:13, 14)

- Has the _____. (Philippians 4:6-7).
- _____ thought life (Philippians 4:8-9).
- _____ the _____ of _____
(Philippians 4:10-13).

Have I developed to this stage in my Christian walk?

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What gifts does Christ give to the church? And why? (**Ephesians 4:11-16**)

- _____ **in the work of ministry**
- This is what _____ . (v.12)
- _____ and grow into a _____ (v.13)
- We will _____, to _____ . (v.14)
- _____ into Him who is the head—Christ. (v.15)
- _____ the _____ **of the body** _____ . (v.16)

7 Reasons why we need a mature church

Ephesus - _____ (Rev. 2:4-5)

Pergamum - _____ (Rev. 2:14-16)

Thyatira - _____ (Rev. 2:19-24)

Sardis - _____ (Rev. 3:1-3)

Laodicea - _____ (Rev. 3:14-20)

Now to end on a more positive note.

Smyrna - _____ (Revelation 2:8-11)

Philadelphia - _____ (Revelation 3:7-13)