

Keep Growing Notes

1 John 2:12-14

Main Point: Less of self plus more of the Lord creates spiritual growth.

Passage Observations

1. John is not excluding _____.
2. There is no intent to create guilt.
3. The repetition is for understanding and emphasis.
4. Relational terms are used to describe growth.
5. _____ Christian is at a stage of maturity.
6. Spiritual development is not automatic, but rather intentional due to obedient spiritual activity.
7. Each stage is _____.

Three Stages of Spiritual Growth

1. Child stage (vs 12-13).
 - A child is by _____ in the family not by age.
 - Sins are forgiven.
 - There is unmerited favor.
 - Little children in verse 12 refers to someone still under parental _____.
 - The needs are training and correction in order to overcome ignorance and selfishness.
 - There is _____ knowledge of God the Father.
2. Parent stage (vs. 13).
 - Fathers have a deep _____ knowledge of God and Jesus Christ, this is the highest level of maturity.
 - Both the lowest stage and the highest stage needs God. This stage has a relationship with God in a much deeper way.
 - Understands the importance of _____.
 - Because you know God, you trust Him.
 - Has learned to let faith be formed by the knowledge of who the Lord is and what He has done.
 - Spiritual maturity is about time and experience in a _____ relationship with the Lord.
 - Fathers accept responsibility to help with the maturity of others.
 - They instruct, love, provide, protect, set example, and correct.

3. Young adult stage (vs. 14).

- Has _____ through spiritual effort.
- Seeks knowledge through the Word of God.
- Has spiritual _____.

What stage are you in?

Next Steps

1. Remember: less of self plus more of the Lord creates spiritual growth.
2. Seek a deep relationship with God through studying the Bible.
3. Aspire to keep growing and seek to become a spiritual parent.
4. Spend time searching God's word for answers to problems and submit to His ways.
5. Accept Christ as Savior and live in forgiveness.