Walking With God

Growing In Your Walk With God

1 John 2:12-14

***Many Christians Haven’t GROWN since Coming to Christ.***

***Simply said, Our Lord is NOT Pleased with a “Stagnant, Inactive Faith.”***

***God wants us to understand the Importance of Spiritual Growth & Maturity.***

***Today’s Three Groups*** are ***REALLY*** just ***INDICATORS of Maturity.***

**1. “LITTLE CHILDREN” ARE NEW BELIEVERS. (vv.12, 13c)**

* As a ***New Believer***, we ***Now*** have a ***Relationship with God*** by ***having Our Sins Forgiven.***
* But it’s ***NOT just ANY Relationship***. *(Romans 8:15-17)*
* It’s ***God’s Design*** for His Children to ***GROW UP & Mature Spiritually.***

*(1 Corinthians 13:11; Hebrews 6:1)*

* There are ***Really NO LIMITS*** to our ***Spiritual Growth.***
* “Little Children” are an ***Easy TARGET.*** *(Ephesians 4:14; 1John 2:18-19, 3:7)*

**2. “YOUNG MEN” ARE MATURING BELIEVERS. (vv.13b, 14b)**

* ***Many Maturing Believers*** face ***Countless Battles*** that must be ***Fought & Won*** to make through ***this Stage of Spiritual Growth.***
* ***“Overcoming” Happens*** when we ***Put Aside*** the ***sins of the past*** & ***Start Walking*** in the ***Righteousness of Jesus***. *(2 Timothy 2:22)*
* ***Spiritual Warfare*** is actually a ***Reminder*** that we’re ***Growing in our Walk with God***.
* ***We get “Strong”*** (v.14b) when God’s Word ***Saturates*** our minds & lives.

**3. “FATHERS” ARE MATURE BELIEVERS. (vv.13a, 14a)**

* ***“Fathers”*** (**Mature Believers**) have a ***Depth of Knowledge*** ***about GOD*** that ***“little children & young men”*** ***Don’t Have.***
* ***WHERE*** does this ***knowledge Come From?*** In a word, ***“EXPERIENCE.”***
* ***Maturity Takes Time…***
* ***Our Walk with God*** is ***NOT******a Destination, it’s a Journey.***
* ***God wants you to Walk CLOSER…***Here are ***Four Quick WAYS*:**

***1.*** ***Pursue God…***

***2.*** ***Be Patient…***

***3. Be Persistent…***

***4. Make Your Walk, Your Priority…***

* ***What will it take for you to Move to the Next Level of Maturity?***