



Series: Topical
Passage: 1 John 2:12-14
Title: Growing in Spiritual Maturity
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Discussion Starter – How do you define spiritual maturity? What characteristics would you expect to see in a spiritually mature believer? Describe your journey toward spiritual maturity?

- 1) What four reasons does John give for writing this epistle? (See 1:4; 2:1; 2:26, and 5:13)
- 2) Describe how these are characteristics of mature believers?
- 3) **Read Ephesians 4:11-13.** How does this passage describe the goal of the “complete man”, the spiritually mature believer?
 - a) How can you grow in the areas identified in the questions above?
- 4) How can you know the difference between spiritual infancy versus sinful rebellion?
- 5) **Read 1 John 2:12-14.** Describe in your own words the 3 stages of Christian maturity that are identified in this passage.
 - b) Which of these labels best fits your current level of maturity, little children, young man, or father?
- 6) What are the 2 messages John wants to convey to the children?
 - c) How are these 2 messages foundational to your relationship with Jesus?
- 7) What 3 characteristics are identified with the “young men”?
- 8) **Read Psalm 119:11.** What does it mean to hide God’s word in your heart? What benefit can we expect as a result?
 - d) How does God’s word affect your world view and protect you from sinning?
- 9) What differentiates the fathers from the young men?
 - e) What challenges of life has God brought you through in which you would consider yourself experienced?
 - f) How is God growing you to be a proactive mentor discipling others in these areas?
 - g) What steps are you taking to press on in your relationship with Jesus that you may be all that He has called you to be?