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Sunday, May 18, 2014

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God’s goal for each of our lives is that we know Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and then that we grow to be spiritually mature as followers of Christ. Today we will explore key benchmarks of maturity in Christ.

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YOU MIGHT BE A SPIRITUAL BABY IF ...

1. You Find Yourself Often _____.

2. You Enjoy Being the _____.

3. You Are Shallow in Your _____.

4. You Are _____.

5. You Are _____.

6. You Have Trouble _____.

7. You Become Jealous Over the _____.

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“No prolonged infancies among us, please. We’ll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love” (Ephesians 4:14-16, The Message).

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9, ESV).

YOU MIGHT BE A SPIRITUAL BABY IF . . .

1. You Find Yourself Often Fighting with Other Christians.

2. You Enjoy Being the Center of Attention.

“I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority” (3 John 1:9, ESV).

3. You Are Shallow in Your Knowledge of the Scriptures.

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation” (1 Peter 2:2, ESV).

4. You Are Easily Offended.

“Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble” (Psalm 119:165, ESV).

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:3, ESV).

5. You Are Never Satisfied.

“And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp” (Number 11:1, ESV).

6. You Have Trouble Staying Clean.

“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you” (John 15:3, ESV).

7. You Become Jealous Over the Success of Others.

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2, ESV).

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