

The Growth and Maturity of The Saints Part 2

KJV Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Sons here is The Greek word “*huios*” (Hwee-os) and means **male offspring who share the same nature, character and authority as The Father.**

With **authority** comes **responsibility!** **The responsibility to honor The Father by our lifestyle!**

1 Samuel 2:30b... “them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed”.

Mature believers honor God with their lives and therefore God honors and blessed their lives.

Immature believers don't honor and respect God's Word and are therefore consider last, least and their prayers and service taken lightly!

Mature believers are given **more responsibility and authority** in The Kingdom of God.

Immature believers are watched over and governed more closely.

*Galatians 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.*

Neither the devil, society nor your family is holding you back from walking in greater things—it's spiritual immaturity!

Notice the phrase “*as long as he is a child*”! **Nepios** means “infant” **someone that needs constant care and attention!**

Galatians 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

❖ **Remaining immature is being irresponsible!**

It keeps us in bondage to this worlds systems!

It gives people, principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world the right and opportunity to control our lives

- **Many are actually serving where they should be leading!**

- Renting where they should be owning!
- And borrowing when they should be lending!

Other people control the wealth, resources and destinies of weak minded immature people!

ESV Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food

NIV Hebrews 5:13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

The writer says any believer who is still immature and living off milk doesn't yet know about the **power of The Blood of Christ!**

They keep on sinning and making excuses for their behavior because they don't know the power of **The Cross of Christ!**

They are infant children having fun at church playing games with their lives.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Infants don't care if they mess on themselves; get their clothes dirty and how other people see them.

They are unable to take care of their environment so other people have to cut their grass, pay their bills, police their neighborhoods and raise their children.

But the mature have learned how to pay attention to the wise council of their parents, teachers and pastors.

They grow up and no longer need milk but have grown teeth for cutting through meat—meat that will strengthen them for their future.

They've matured and learned the power of listening, learning and obeying and eventually are ready to teach others!

Deuteronomy 28:1 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

7 "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways.

10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity-- in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground-- in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

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The entire planet from every single celled creature, to the mountains, the seas as well as mankind is eagerly waiting for the **mature sons of God.**

To grow not only in gifting and anointing, but in **character and authority!**

Only then can we properly respond to the challenges we face!

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." – Sir Edmund Burke

For the purpose of this message I want to change this saying a bit...

The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for saints to remain immature!

