

TALK IT OVER

FOLLOWING JESUS (Part 3)

DIG DEEPER

Class # 27

Continuing with the process of spiritual growth, this week we will be looking at the last two stages (Young Adult and Parent). You stop being a spiritual child and becomes a young adult when you start shifting your focus from yourself to others. It's at this stage where one experiences a lot of growth in different areas. For example, you begin to develop more patience and neutralize your ego. You start tolerating other's faults more, and begin to put other's needs before your own.

Spiritual babies gossip and complain, while young adults support and encourage others. With regard to serving God, a spiritual baby or child serves as long as it is convenient and does not alter their life, schedule, or plans. However, a spiritual young adult serves others even when it's dangerous, even if there is risk involved, or when you have to change your plans or contribute resources. They are committed to the Kingdom in word and deed! **(Acts 6:1-5)**.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Name two differences between a spiritual child and a young adult.
2. As you grow spiritually, following and serving Jesus could at times become uncomfortable and inconvenient. Have you experienced this in your own life? Tell!
3. What did Jon Johnston say we need to do, to make sure we are continually growing?



"You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word."

- Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

The last stage of spiritual growth is Father (or Mother). At this stage we are already mature, in such a way that we are forming disciples and reproducing our leadership in others. Spiritual Fathers and Mothers respond to Jesus' call to make disciples **(Matthew 28:19)**. Like a good Father, they are there to help their disciples grow. They clean diapers, counsel, love, encourage, affirm, and feed.

Jon Johnston wrote: *"If you stop and wonder why you are not as devout as the (early) Christians, your own heart will tell you that it is not because of ignorance or inability, but simply because you never quite set your mind on it."*

Set your mind up TODAY to take the next step in your spiritual growth journey!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (LEGACY Doral Park)
MEN'S CONFERENCE (INFLUENTIAL)

August 1 (9am Live or Zoom)
July 31st @ 10am
August 20-21