



# Spiritual Growth

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## 1 John 2:7-14

### An OLD NEW Command (vs.7-11)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34 (NIV)

### Stages of Spiritual Growth:

#### Spiritual CHILDHOOD - walk with God. (vs. 12,14a)

#### Characteristics of spiritual children:

LIVE IN the forgiveness of Christ. (vs. 12)

KNOW the Father. (vs. 13b)

#### Spiritual ADOLESCENCE - overcoming with God. (vs. 13b, 14c)

#### Characteristics of spiritual adolescence:

You are STRONG. (vs. 14b)

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. 1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

The WORD OF GOD lives in you. (vs. 14c)

“be doers of the word, and not hearers only” James 1:22 (ESV)

You have OVERCOME the evil one. (vs. 13b, 14d)

Spiritual PARENTHOOD - share the way of God. (vs. 13a, 14b)

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28 NIV

“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk not solid food.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 NIV

## Questions for Discipleship Group/Personal Study

Read 1 John 2:7-11

In what ways is the command to love an old/new command?

Read v. 12-14.

What are the characteristics that John mentions of each stage?

In what ways are you a spiritual child? Spiritual adolescent? Spiritual parent?

What stage are you at today? What would it take for you to move forward in your spiritual growth?

How can your D group help you?

Questions/Comments about today's message?

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