

From Infancy to Adulthood in the Christian Faith



The Highchair

Little Children · teknía



The Driver's License

Young Men · neanískoi
1 John 2:12-14



The Professor

Fathers · patéres

Introduction: Think for a moment about three very different _____:

Our Text: 1 John 2:12-14

- **The little** _____ — teknía — are new believers.
- **The** _____ **men** — neanískoi — have grown.
- **The** _____ — patéres — are described with something more profound than power: they have known Him who is from the beginning.

I. _____ — Every Person Needs a Born-Again Moment —
John 3:3

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Have you been _____ again? Every person should be able to tell their story of how they came to faith in Jesus Christ. Here is mine:

My Story of Salvation

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

II. _____ — Every Person Needs to Follow the Lord in Water Baptism — Acts 2:41

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."

Why baptism? In the act of baptism, we see the _____ message:

1. Going under = _____ to the old self
2. Being submerged = _____ of the old man
3. Coming up = _____ to new life

John Stott wrote in *The Message of Acts*: "An unbaptized Christian is a _____ in terms."

Here is my challenge: don't _____.

III. Church _____ — Every Believer Needs to Be Part of a Local Church — Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (

It bothers me that people _____ church membership.

Here are six strong reasons to join a Church:

1. It is _____ — Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42
2. It is where you _____ spiritually — Ephesians 4:11-13
3. It gives you a place to _____ — 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:27
4. It places you under _____ leaders — Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 5:17
5. It is where you _____ relationships and find encouragement — Acts 2:46; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

6. It is where you give, receive _____, and honor the Lord — Colossians 3:17

IV. Christian _____ — Every Person Needs to Find Their Serve — 1 Peter 4:10-11

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

Your **SHAPE** profile:

V. Christians _____ — Every Person Needs to Start with a Tithe — 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Can you trust God with your _____? Every one of us is called to become a _____. The word tithe simply means 10% — the starting point God established for His people. Restaurants today ask 18-20% from you for a meal. God asks 10% for the work of His Kingdom.

Proverbs 3:9-10 - *"Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty."*

VI. Practical _____ — Every Person Needs to GROW — 2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

G — Go to God in _____ (1 Peter 5:7; Hebrews 4:16)

"Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

"Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

R — _____ the Bible (Joshua 1:8; Revelation 1:3)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night... for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

O — _____ God's Commandments (1 John 5:3)

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)

W — _____ to Others (Acts 1:8)

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

And remember three things:

1. You have been given _____ to witness — Acts 1:8
2. You never _____ alone — Jesus promised to be with you always — Matthew 28:20
3. We do the _____ ; God does the saving — 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Conclusion: (Write down the key points)