

Maturity Matters
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1 Corinthians 3:2-3a (ESV)

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IT'S NOT OKAY TO STAY SPIRITUALLY IMMATURE

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CONSISTENTLY FEEDING OUR SINFUL DESIRES IS A CLEAR SIGN OF SPIRITUAL IMMATURE

1 Corinthians 3:3b-4 (ESV)

³ For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

1 Corinthians 3:3 (NASB)

³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like ordinary people?

WE OFTEN SETTLE FOR AN EARTHLY EXPRESSION OVER KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

3 Ways to Pursue Spiritual Growth:

Spiritually Healthy Diet

- **5 Major Food Groups to a Spiritually Healthy Diet:**
 - **Feasting on God's Word**

Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

- **5 Major Food Groups to a Spiritually Healthy Diet:**
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 - **Enjoying God's Presence**

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- **5 Major Food Groups to a Spiritually Healthy Diet:**
 - **Feasting on God's Word**
 - **Enjoying God's Presence**
 - **Engaging the Lord in Prayer**

Psalms 27:8 (NLT)

My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."

- **5 Major Food Groups to a Spiritually Healthy Diet:**

- **Feasting on God's Word**
- **Enjoying God's Presence**
- **Engaging the Lord in Prayer**
- **Fellowshipping with God's People**

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

- **5 Major Food Groups to a Spiritually Healthy Diet:**
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 - **Engaging the Lord in Prayer**
 - **Fellowshipping with God's People**
 - **Cooperating in God's Work**

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Continual Death to the Flesh

Romans 8:13 (ESV)

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Growing Kingdom Vision

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.