

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe the changes you have seen in your life since you first became a believer. How has your life been conformed to the image of Christ? What areas still need work?
  
2. What advice would you give to a new believer for ways he or she could develop spiritual maturity?
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about spiritual maturity:
  - a) I Corinthians 13:11
  - b) Galatians 5:22-23
  - c) Hebrews 5:14
  - d) Hebrews 6:1
  - e) James 1:2-4
  - f) I Peter 2:2
  - g) II Peter 1:5-8
  
4. What are some of the ways that the Scripture is described as food?
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to establish a regular quiet time every day for Bible reading and prayer.
  - I am going to get involved in a Bible study group.
  - I am going to memorize I Peter 2:2.

Cornerstone Church  
I Corinthians 3:1-4

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## ***Spiritual Maturity***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. The Wisdom of the Mature

(Job 12:12; Proverbs 20:29; Job 32:7)

#### B. Paul Contrasts Two Types of Believers

(See I Corinthians 2:12-15; Matthew 18:3; I Corinthians 13:11)

#### C. Paul: The Spiritual Parent

(See Acts 18:18-21; Acts 18:11; Acts 20:31;  
I Corinthians 4:15; I Thessalonians 2:11)

### **II. Spiritual Maturity**

#### A. Paul Addresses Believers

(See I Corinthians 3:1; Acts 3:22; Romans 9:3; Galatians 2:4)

#### B. Paul Contrasts Two Types of Believers

(See I Corinthians 3:1; I Corinthians 2:12-15; Romans 10:9-10;  
III John 1:4)

### C. The Diet of an Immature Believer

(See I Corinthians 3:2-3; John 16:12; Hebrews 5:12-14; Romans 10:17; Amos 8:11; II Timothy 4:3; II Timothy 2:15; James 1:22; I Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 5:11-14; Psalm 119:103)

### D. The Character of an Immature Believer

(See I Corinthians 3:3-4; I Corinthians 1:10-13; Galatians 5:16)

## III. Conclusion

### A. The Example of the Early Church

(See Acts 2:41-42)

### B. Developing Spiritual Maturity

(See Romans 12:2; II Peter 3:18; I Timothy 4:7; John 15:5)

## Passage of Study I Corinthians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, <sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

<sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not *mere* men?

### Suggested Additional Reading:

*The Pursuit of Maturity: Flourishing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ*, by J. Oswald Sanders; Grand Rapids: Lamplighter Books (Zondervan Publishing House) © 1986

*Spiritual Maturity: Principles of Spiritual Growth for Every Believer*, by J. Oswald Sanders; Chicago: Moody Publishers © 2005

*The Pursuit of God*, by A.W. Tozer, Chicago: Moody Publishers © 2016

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