

### **Three Simple Rules of Spiritual Growth**

1. Look to the Life of Jesus as the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ as how to live your life in a sinful world. See 1 Peter 3.21
2. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ good from evil. Then do good and avoid evil so everyone will know you are on Jesus' side. See 3 John 11
3. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in sight so you won't be disappointed with your eternal accommodations. See Matthew 25.46



Additional Notes:



### **How Mature Is Suppose to Look**

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5.7-10)

### **A Mature Walk is a LIFE**

- ◆ Filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◇ It Requires reverent submission to be heard
- ◆ Of Learned \_\_\_\_\_ – Following directions
  - ◇ Endures with a purpose - he suffered for us
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ others – The purpose of life as believers
  - ◇ he became source of eternal life
- ◆ That accepts \_\_\_\_\_ – Gifts and callings
  - ◇ designated by God a high priest

### **It Really Is Very, Very Simple!**

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. (Hebrews 5.11-14)



### **In the End it comes down to One Simple thing we must do!**

Check the Boxes That Apply to You

- ◆  \_\_\_\_\_ or  \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◇ It is a Choice every believe makes in some way.
- ◆  \_\_\_\_\_ or  \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◇ Are you growing or stuck repeating the 2nd grade?
- ◆  MILK or  MEAT
  - ◇ What is your maturity level? There are only 2.
- ◆ It is about training to distinguish between what is  \_\_\_\_\_ and  \_\_\_\_\_ and then choosing Good.
  - ◇ A lot of people don't seem to know the difference

### **You Must Know These 6 Steps!**

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so. (Hebrews 6.1-3)



### **Spiritual Growth is a Lifetime Journey**

- ◆ To \_\_\_\_\_ Is to learn and apply the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◇ It is to Graduate and move to the next level of life.
- ◆ Is built on the basics but requires more after you know these...
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ – This is where you start your walk.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ in God – Getting hold of God's hand for the trip.
  3. Instructions about \_\_\_\_\_ - Following directions
  4. Laying on of \_\_\_\_\_ – Your Ministry & Responsibility
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead – Everyone Dies even You!
  6. Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ – Last longer than you think.
- ◆ Change \_\_\_\_\_ while you still have the time.  
("God permitting")
- ◆ Getting \_\_\_\_\_ makes learning easier.  
("we will do so")