

# A Spiritual Maturity

Pastor Nick Neves / 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

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- 1 Corinthians 2:6-9...      A Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-13...      A Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 2:14-16...      A Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
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**Word Focus:** “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” τέλειος (tel'-i-os) –  
a. complete in all of its parts  
b. full grown, of full age  
c. perfect

\*remember this term was addressed in part in the sermon on 1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Hebrews 5:14 shines more light on our understanding of what it means to be mature:

**Hebrews 5:14** – *But solid food is for **the mature**, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

**Three observations about this statement:**

1. Believers have the tools they \_\_\_\_\_. They have been given powers of discernment.
2. Those powers need \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Those powers need to be put into constant \_\_\_\_\_.

**Maturity comes when we are *trained* to walk in the Spirit and we *practice* that training by faithful obedience to the scripture.**

Is your spiritual maturity hindered more by a lack of training, or practice? In what way?

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Training for maturity – see Ephesians 4:11-14

**Here four types of people are given to help the believer reach spiritual maturity:**

1. He gave some to be \_\_\_\_\_ \*
2. He gave some to be \_\_\_\_\_ \*
3. He gave some to be \_\_\_\_\_
4. He gave some to be \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do we no longer benefit from having apostles and prophets to tell us what God wants us to hear? (see 2 Peter 3:2, Ephesians 2:20, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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Evangelists, shepherds and teachers edify us with the word that was delivered by the prophets and the apostles, but the most well-trained Christian is not going to advance past infancy if they do not put that training in to **PRACITCE!**

**Every believer, no matter how mature, has to contend with their flesh.**

What does it mean to ‘contend’ with the flesh, and how is that different than the false idea of the ‘Carnal Christian’ we spoke about three weeks ago?

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**Paul is driving at the main theme of the letter here:**

Those who are in Christ should no longer live as those who are not.  
When you are saved, you are saved to transformation, your identity cannot remain what it was.

In what ways do the sectarian divisions that are hurting Corinth prove their spiritual immaturity?

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