

HOW CHRISTIANS GROW

Introduction to 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

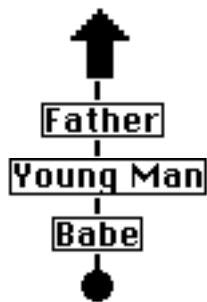
Introduction: Growth

#1. Walk in the Spirit and not in the Flesh



#2. Progress in Spiritual Maturity

A. PROCESS

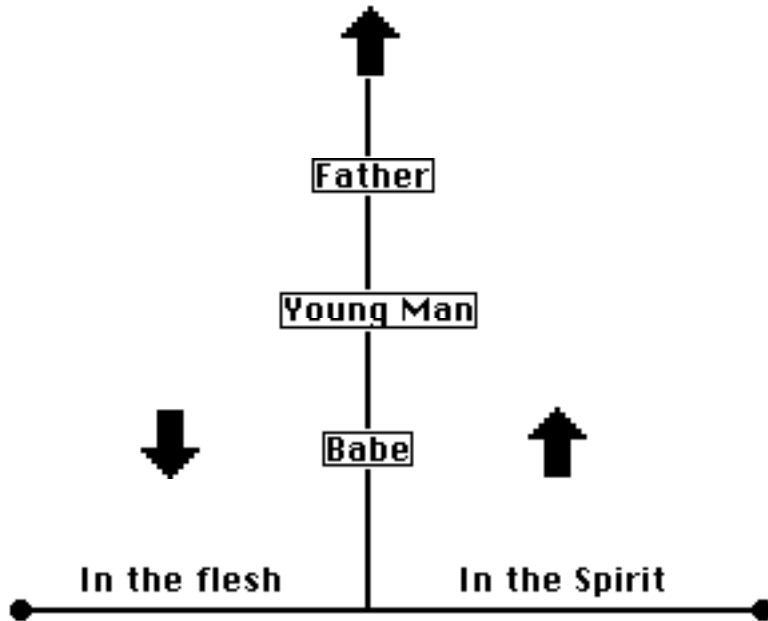


B. PERSON

C. PASSION

D. PROCEDURE

CONCLUSION:



- #1. Spirit = Development, Flesh = Deterioration
- #2. Spirit = Victory, Flesh = Conflict
- #3. Spirit = Assurance, Flesh = Doubt
- #4. Spirit = takes cooperative effort, Flesh = comes naturally, with no effort.
- #5. Spirit = moment by moment Life-style. Maturity = Lifelong process.
- #6. Growth has nothing to do with age, but it takes time & struggle to become a father.
- #7. The best spiritual status is a spiritual father. The worst spiritual status is a fleshly child.
- #8. The child is known by I want, I need, I like. The father is known by I give, I serve, I love.
- #9. If you are a fleshly child, and have not been spanked, you may not be His child; Hebrews 12:8.
- #10. The Corinthian problem came from fleshly babies fighting with spiritual fathers.