

# HOW CHRISTIANS GROW

*Introduction to 1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

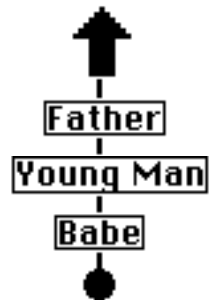
*Introduction: Growth*

#1 Walk in the Spirit and not in the Flesh



#2 Progress in Spiritual Maturity

A. PROCESS

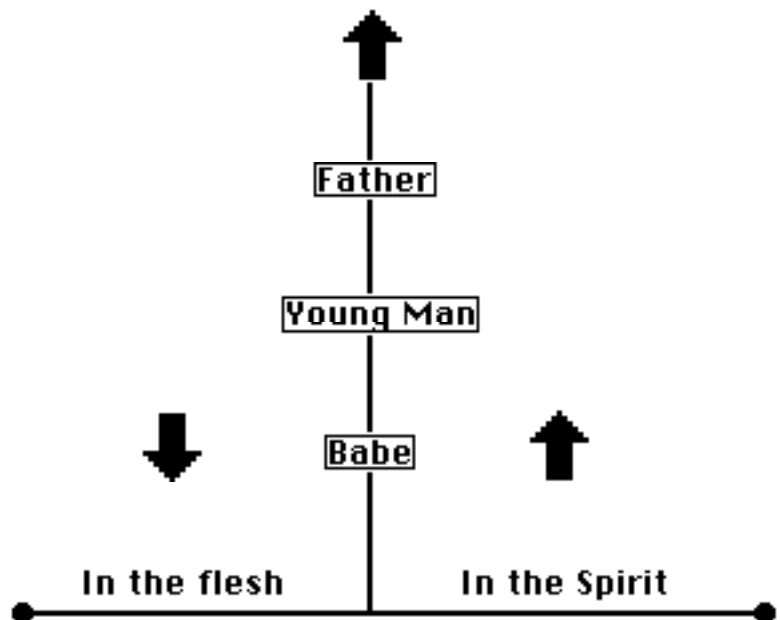


B. PERSON

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; Heb 12:8.
10. The Corinthian problem came from fleshly babies fighting with spiritual fathers.