

FOCUS ON SPIRITUAL MATURITY 1 Peter 2:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

Spiritual Maturity is an ongoing process that begins after salvation. The process is characterized by Christlike character, discernment of good and evil, and steadfastness in faith.

- **“¹Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, ²As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: ³If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious” (1 Peter 2:1-3).**

In this message, we will highlight the necessity to Focus On Spiritual Maturity by:

- I. LAYING ASIDE THE WEIGHTS OF IMMATURITY (v. 1)**
 - A. Believers Must Lay Aside “All Malice” (v. 1b; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).**
 - B. Believers Must Lay Aside “All Guile” (v. 1c; Matt 5:37)**
 - C. Believers Must Lay Aside “All Hypocrisies” (v. 1d; Matt 23:27-28)**
 - D. Believers Must Lay Aside “All Envy” (v. 1e; 1 Cor 3:3; James 3:16; Rom 12:15)**
 - E. Believers Must Lay Aside “All Evil Speaking” (v. 1f; Exod 20:16; Prov 18:21; Prov 21:23).**

- II. CRAVING THE PURE SPIRITUAL MILK (THE WORD OF GOD) (v. 2)**
 - A. The Command – Believers are to Crave the Sincere Milk of the Word of God.**
 - B. The Purpose for Craving the Pure Spiritual Milk**
 - C. The Results of Craving the Pure Spiritual Milk (Ps 34:8; Acts 1:24; Heb 1:3; Ps 139:7-8).**
 - D. The Promises Of Craving the Pure Spiritual Milk (Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 5:17; John 14:2-3).**
 - **God Is Good – Regina Belle**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Believers are to actively Focus on Spiritual Maturity by: Laying Aside the Weights of Immaturity and Craving the Pure Spiritual Milk (The Word of God).**

- B. Because Believers have tasted God’s Goodness, they must consume His Word to grow in their Salvation and become more Christlike. – (Ps 119:140-142)**

C. ABC’S OF SALVATION

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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).