

THE *Spirit of Life*

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Grow up in Christ

Receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your soul. Be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Like newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that you may grow. God gives us His Holy Spirit to help us grow up from a spiritual babe to a spiritual man. As our spirit man feeds on God's Word, the Holy Spirit reveals truths to us, kind of like a natural baby learning ABC's, then learning to write words, then sentences, etc. We begin to grow up in Christ.

We hear the Word and it gets planted in our hearts. We first consider what we hear. Our old way of thinking is different from God's truth, so we must throw out our old way of thinking and replace it with truth. Satan tries to get us to reject the truth by tempting us to desire our old thoughts again. If we resist him and hold on to God's truth, and guard it in our hearts, it will take root and grow all by itself, and before long our soul will be changed and purified and we will begin to act differently. If we do not resist the devil and capture bad thoughts, we will begin to desire these bad things and the devil will take away the Word that was sown in our heart and will tempt us by giving us an opportunity to do that bad thing we desire. We will fall into sin and be taken captive by him to do his will.

Jesus said, "Whoever sins is a servant of sin, and a servant does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever." Walk in the spirit and set your mind on the things above, not on earthly things. He that lives according to the spirit has his mind set on what the Spirit desires.