

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION — 1 JOHN 2:12-14

¹²I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. ¹³I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. ¹⁴I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (1Jn.2:12-14)

Spiritual Growth Has Nothing To Do With...

1 ...Your Standing Before God in Christ

Wherever you are in your spiritual growth does not change your standing before God. Your standing before God is set (Ph.3:9; Cl.2:10; 2Co.5:21).

2 ...God's Love For You

Where we are in the process of spiritual growth does not affect His love for us (Jn.13:1; Ro.5:8).

3 ...Time

Our growth is not measured by the calendar. There are people who have been Christians for a long time and are still immature (1Co.3:1-2).

4 ...Knowledge By Itself

Unless Biblical knowledge is applied so as to conform your life to Christ, it does nothing but fill your mind with facts (Pr.18:15; 1Co.13:2).

5 ...Activity

Church or ministry activity is not directly connected with spiritual growth (Rv.2:2-4).

6 ...Temporal Success




Material prosperity is not a sign of maturity. Being “poor” materially also does not prove maturity (Mt.6:33-34; 13:44-46; Ro.14:17).

7 ...Spiritual Maturity is Not Absolute, It Is Relative

Spirituality or carnality is absolute. At any given moment in time, you are either in the Spirit or in the flesh. The only times you grow are the times when you're spiritual. So, the more you walk in the Spirit, the more you're going to grow.

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION FUNDAMENTALS

3 LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 1 John 2:13-14

-  **CATEGORY 1: ‘LITTLE CHILDREN’** — **Characteristic: Relationship but Ignorance**
-  **CATEGORY 2: ‘YOUNG MEN’** — **Characteristic: Knowledge for Doctrine**
-  **CATEGORY 3: ‘FATHERS’** — **Characteristic: Know the God of Doctrine**