

“You big baby!”

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“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...” Hebrews 6:1. “Let us go on to perfection” Not by our self-efforts, but by the power of God. The writer of the book of Hebrews was frustrated by the dullness of the people. It had been 35 years since Christ had ascended and the Church hadn’t established a solid relationship with God. *“...of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”.* Hebrews 5:11-14. They were still babies! They didn’t know right from wrong. The definition of **Elementary** is: *Introducing the fundamental or simplest aspect of a subject.* The word **Elementary** comes from the Bible word **archs** which means: *An attached cord.* The Church of Jerusalem still had their spiritual umbilical cord attached. After 35 years they were still baby Christians. It is not so different today; we are living in a generation of Christian babies. We take offence at the smallest things. We refuse to submit to the most basic of doctrines. We allow our own opinions to govern our lives and not the word of God. Many subscribe to the doctrine of the world, *“What’s right for you is not right for me”.* If we follow this belief system it makes us useless Christians. *“... we are behaving like mere men!”* I Corinthians 3:3. We need to be strong in the Lord. God is the same and His requirements are the same. Many Christians don’t know the Bible. We don’t even bother to look for the answers. If we don’t know, how will we grow? *“But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper”.* Psalms 1:3. Why like a tree planted by waters? That is a sign of prosperity. Two qualifications to prosperity: **a.** Fruit will come in its season. Not right when it was planted. **b.** Meditate on God’s word & your actions become Godly. Our goal as Christians is to grow in Christ. Not to be stagnate in our faith. We do not want to be perpetual babies. Let’s take a close look at our lives and see if we are exhibiting growth.

