

The Problem of Perpetual Infant Christians

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Some believers in the church remain in perpetual infancy. (vs. 1)

The four marks of Spiritual Infancy: (vs. 1-5)

1. Perpetual spiritual infants never grow beyond a baby's spiritual diet. (vs. 2)
2. Perpetual spiritual infants are dominated by their old fleshly nature. (vs. 3a)
3. Perpetual spiritual infants incite troubled interpersonal relationships. (vs. 3)
4. Perpetually spiritual infants live no different than unbelievers. (vs. 3-4)

Seven signs of Christians growing into maturity:

1. Spiritually mature believers do not make idols of other Christian leaders. (vs. 5)
2. Spiritually mature believers care most about what God is doing in the world. (vs. 6-7)
3. Spiritually mature believers enjoy and encourage the diversity of gifts in ministry. (vs. 6)
4. Spiritually mature believers work as one with other believers. (vs. 8)
5. Spiritually mature believers give God credit for what God is doing. (vs. 6)
6. Spiritually mature believers are partners in God's growth plans. (vs. 6, 9)
7. Spiritually mature believers live in expectation of Christ's return and Christ's reward. (vs. 8a)

Conclusion: What's my next step?