

GROW

Why We Need To Grow Up?

Foundation Statement: *Why do we want to grow up? The perfecting of the saints is for the work of the ministry. Every believer has a ministry; something the Lord has called them to do in the earth that benefits the Kingdom of God. We got to grow up so that we can do all the things God has called us to do. Your spiritual growth and development affects the scope, the reach, the influence and the effectiveness of your ministry. Immaturity will affect the work of your ministry and it will keep you from doing all that God has called you to do. There are just certain things that spiritual babies, spiritual children, and spiritual teenagers can't do. As you grow spiritually the potential, the gifting, the anointings inside of you will flow more mightily.*

- I. **Ephesians 4:12-The perfecting of the saints is for the work of the ministry** (Service, Of those who execute the commands of others)
 - A. Why do you want to grow up? Perfecting the saints is **for** the work of the ministry; Immaturity will effect the work of your ministry
 1. **MSG**-He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work
 2. **ERV**-His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service
 3. **TLB**-Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him
 4. **VOICE**-It was the risen One who handed down to us such gifted leaders—some emissaries, some prophets, some evangelists, as well as some pastor-teachers—so that God's people would be thoroughly equipped to minister
 - B. Ministry means service; Every believer has a ministry unto the Lord, something the Lord has called them to do that benefits the Kingdom of God
 1. You got to grow up because you got stuff that God has called you to do that a spiritual baby can't do
 2. You grow up for the work of the ministry and that's for the benefit of others, not for the benefit of yourself; Why you need to grow up is not so you can be blessed and be fat and happy and enjoy your life? You're blessedness and happiness and good life is connected to the work of your ministry and if you grow up for the work of your ministry you'll get the rest of that
 - C. Your spiritual growth and development effects the scope, the reach, the influence and the effectiveness of your ministry; Your spiritual growth effects how well and how fully you do what the Lord has called you to do – Spiritual babies can't do great exploits

1. If you're limited in your spiritual development it will limit the work of your ministry; If I don't press towards the mark of spiritual maturity and being like Jesus I want be able to fulfill the work of my ministry – There's some things that you can't get into if you don't grow up
2. I need to grow up so I can get out and do all that God has called me to do; Immaturity will keep you from fully fulfilling the work of your ministry
3. My spiritual growth enhances my ministry – It makes me a better father, mother, employee, business man, pastor-1 Timothy 4:7-8
4. As you grow spiritually the potential and gifting's and anointings in you begin to flow more mightily; As you grow spiritually the potential in you begins to flow out more mightily
5. If the saints aren't being perfected the work of their ministry is going to be limited – The more limited one's development is the more limited their work of ministry will be and the more limited their contribution will be to the overall building of the Body of Christ will be; Our capacities and abilities can increase as we grow spiritually
 - a. 11-12-This is developing mature believers to do the work of the ministry so that the body of Christ will be built up