

Spiritual Maturity Defined

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Those Needing Teaching cannot understand the practical ramifications of the Bible without the help of others.

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The mature believer will venture beyond a mere surface understanding and delve deep into God's word, understanding those things that are more difficult to understand or accept.

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The primary difference between the infant and the mature is their ability to distinguish, in practical terms, what is right and wrong in a given situation.



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Relationship to the Spirit is the deciding factor





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Result = **NEVER** knows right
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Still Relies on Five Senses &
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Old Father William

And yet you incessantly
stand on your head--

Do you think, at your age, it
is right?"





Carnal Can Be Spiritual!

Being Spiritual = Being Rightly
Related to the Spirit

From the moment of the New
Birth a believer may walk in the
Spirit

The Spiritual Man



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Has the ability to teach others

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Christian

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Questions?

