

DIGGING DEEPER



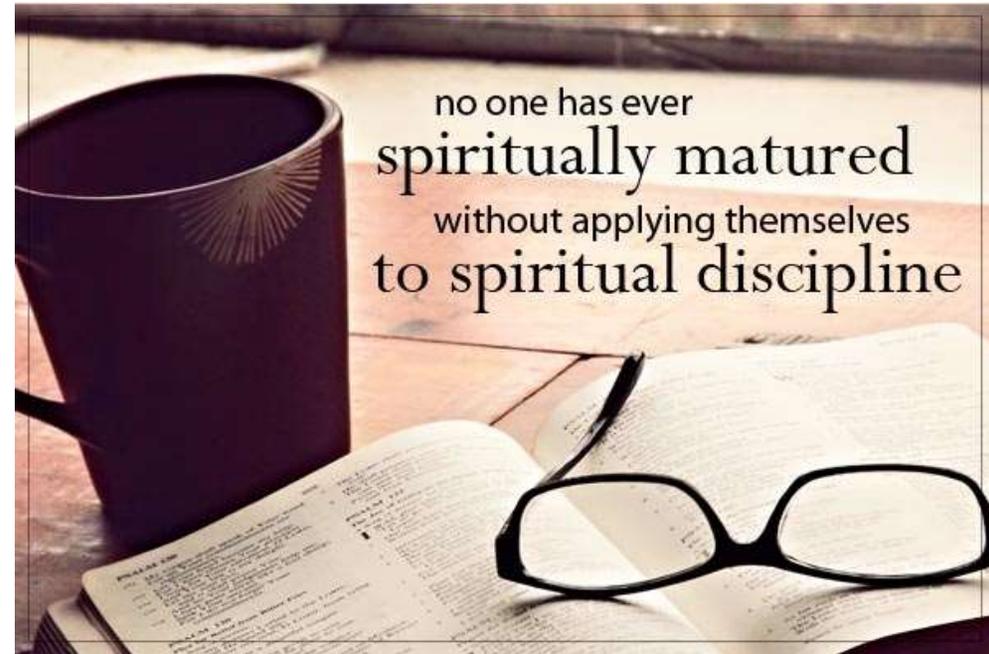
1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 2:12-14 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. What relationship or connection does 1 John 2:12-14 have with the preceding verses in this chapter? Is the passage we are studying instructional, exhortational, practical or something else?
3. Why does John repeat the phrase “I write to you” or “have written to you” 6 times?
4. Are the three classifications of Christians addressed in this passage referring to actual groups or something else? Explain. Why aren’t “young ladies” and “mothers” mentioned?
5. What are the marks of maturity in a Christian? At what level would you gauge your growth or maturity in Christ? At what level would you gauge the spiritual maturity of FBC? What do you propose needs to change to take yourself or our fellowship to the next level?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- Many who have studied church history agree with Billy Sunday, that less than 10% of those attending church are truly saved. Would you agree? If so, why do you think this is so?
- Why is the Church filled with so many immature, luke-warm Christians? What needs to change?

Stages of Spiritual Growth

1 John 2:12-14



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Reasons for Writing

- ¹² I write to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
- ¹³ I 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.
- ¹⁴ I 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.

Measure Your Spiritual Maturity

I. SPIRITUAL INFANCY (12a, 13c)

A. Identity:

B. Characteristics:

C. Achievements:

(1) "Known the _____"

(2) "Sins are _____"

II. SPIRITUAL ADOLESCENCE (13b-14b)

A. Identity:

B. Characteristics:

C. Achievements:

(1) "Overcome the _____"

(2) "You are _____"

(3) "The Word of God _____"

(4) "You have overcome _____"

III. SPIRITUAL MATURITY (13b-14b)

A. Identity:

B. Characteristics:

C. Achievements: