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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Pt. 2:2-3 *Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the LORD is good. (NIV)*

Ok, I have a little something that bugs me. Well, if I'm honest, more than one thing, but I digress. It is interesting to me that there are so many people that have grown up in church and yet they don't seem to be any deeper in the Word or on a path of spiritual growth. They pray the same prayers. They don't seem to have a hunger for the things of God and for the lost people that are around them. Why is that so?

Paul puts it this way in **1 Cor. 3:1-2** *Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly - mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. (NIV)* And again in **Heb. 5:12** *In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! (NIV)*

The only explanation is that there are many spiritual babies and not that many who are growing up in the faith by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I have found that most people only grow as much as they want to. Maybe, if we would submit ourselves to the Lordship of Christ, it would change our 'want-to's. Spiritual growth demands discipline.

Dear Father, help us to take our walk with You seriously. It is not just a Sunday walk; it's a daily abiding in You. Help us to crave Your Word and Your Spirit. In Jesus Name, Amen