

Keep the end in mind

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Listen to your master

SPIRITUAL CHILD

- Slow to listen
- Unskilled in the word of righteousness
- No discernment
- Need to be taught

MATURE ADULT

- Master the basic principles
- Makes constant practice
- Has powers of discernment
- Can teach others

Know your basics

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- **Where do I come from?**
 - Repentance from dead works
 - Faith towards God
- **Who am I?**
 - Baptism (washings)
 - Spiritual gifting (laying on hands)
- **Where am I going?**
 - Resurrection of the dead
 - Eternal judgment

Pursue maturity

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Give it your best

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