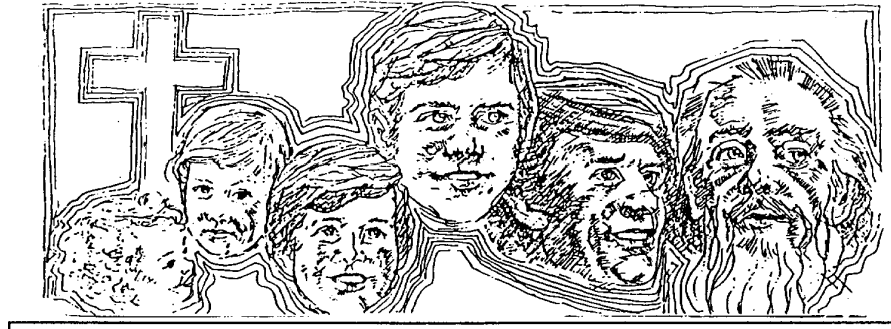


“From Here to Maturity”

Seeing Yourself as His Child → Reach Maturity

Introduction: The Power of Pictures

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. -- Ephesians 4:11-14



Infant

Maturity

I. Our Entrance into the Family of God

The Classic Passage (John 3:1-10)

Nic-At-Night (3:1-2)

Baffling Israel's Teacher (3:3-10)

The Analogy Examined

	BIRTH	SPIRITUAL BIRTH
Initiative:	Will of Man	Will of God (Jn 1:13)
Motivation:	Act of Love	Act of Love (Jn 3:16)
Result:	New Person Physically	New Person Spiritually (2 Cor. 5:17)
Need:	Parenting	Parenting (1 Thes 2:7-12)

II. *Spiritual Pedagogy 101*

Seven Days without _____ Makes One Weak

Milk vs. Meat (1 Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:11-14)

Spoon-fed vs. Self Feeding

Spare _____ Spoil the Child (Heb. 12:5-9)

Reality of Discipline

Means of Discipline

Trials (Jas 1:2-4)

Chastening

Motive for Discipline

Act of Love

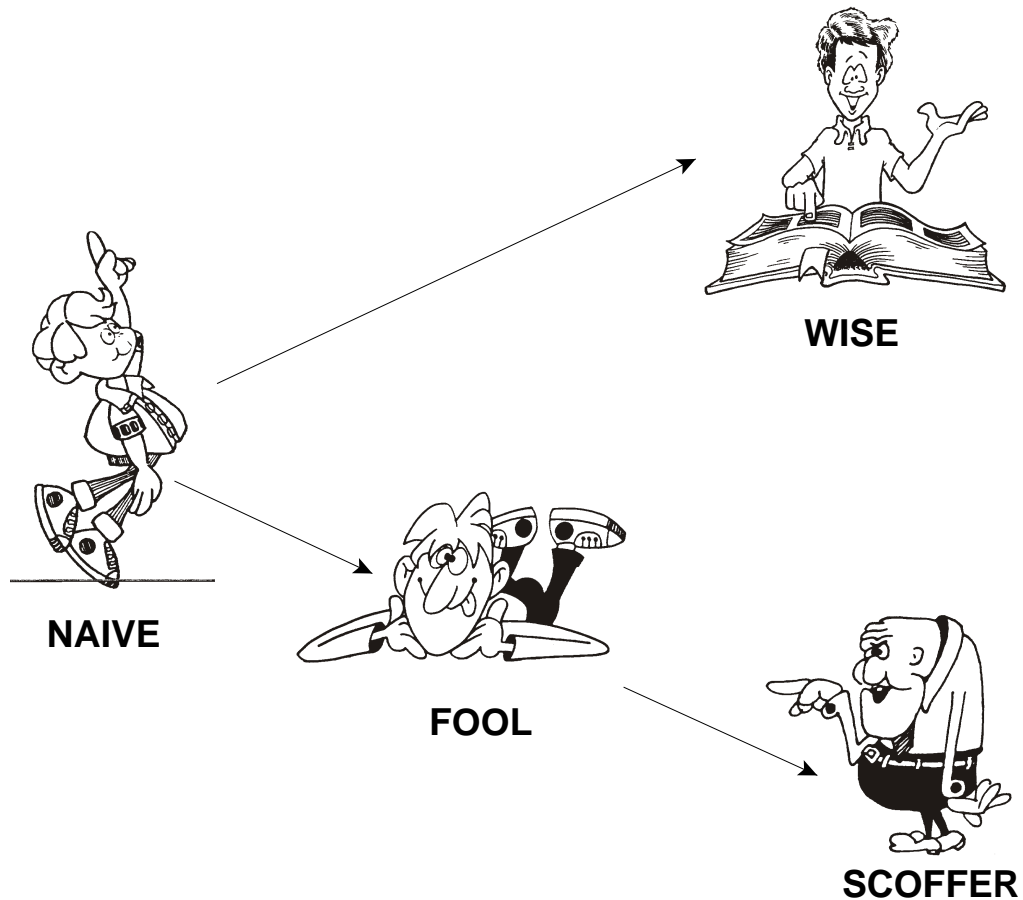
For Our Good

Response to Discipline

Don't:

Do:

Conclusion: Getting Wisdom~ Two Paths



2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen