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MATURE IN CHRIST

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How Can We Grow Up?

First We Need to Know Who Jesus Is

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Paradoxically, by sticking to what we first learned!

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- Learn what God wants
- Go get those things



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What steps will you take to correct?
