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**“By This Time You
Ought to Be”**

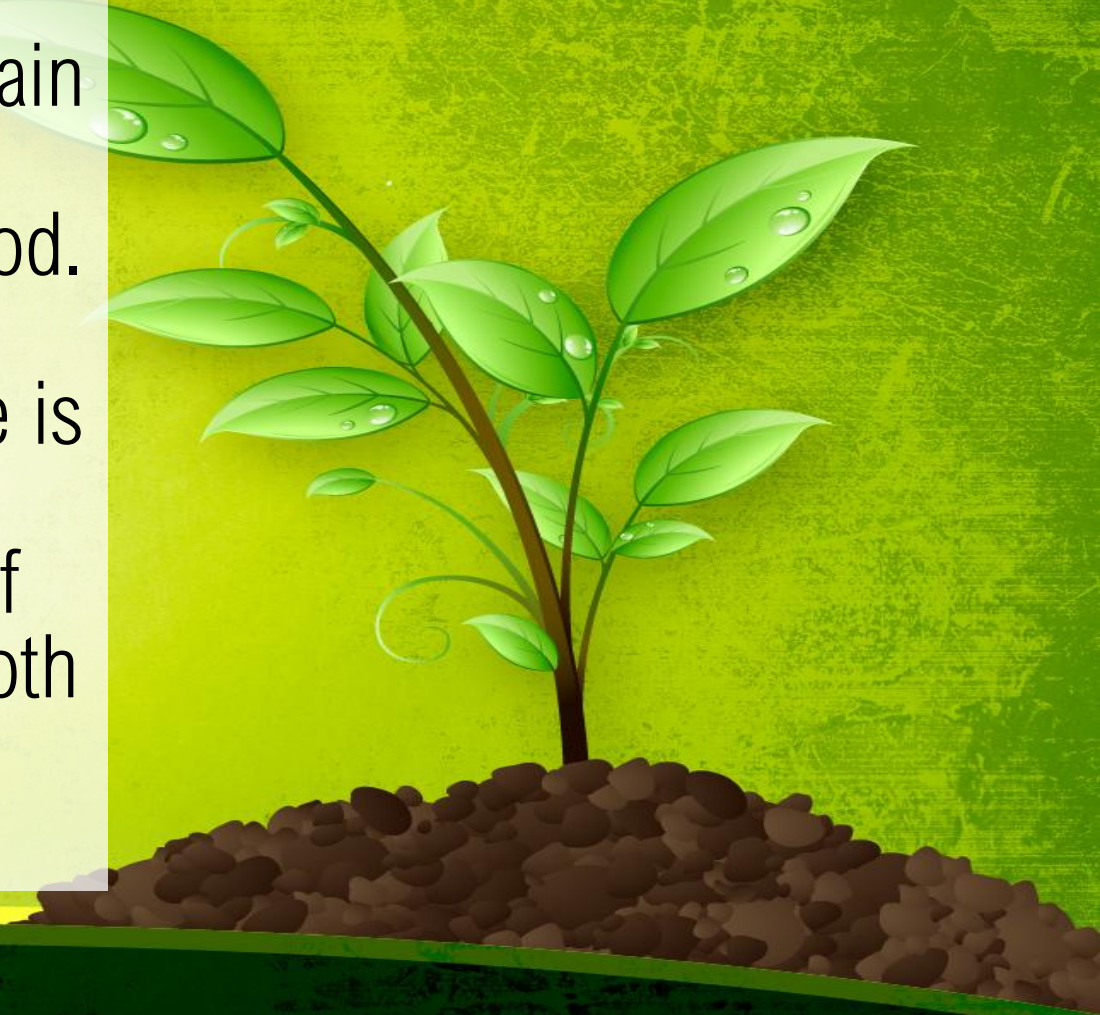
Are you where you should be spiritually?

- The Great Commission requires teaching (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Paul taught Timothy the necessity of developing teachers (2 Timothy 2:2).
- Teachers play a key role in edifying and equipping the church (Ephesians 4:11-12).

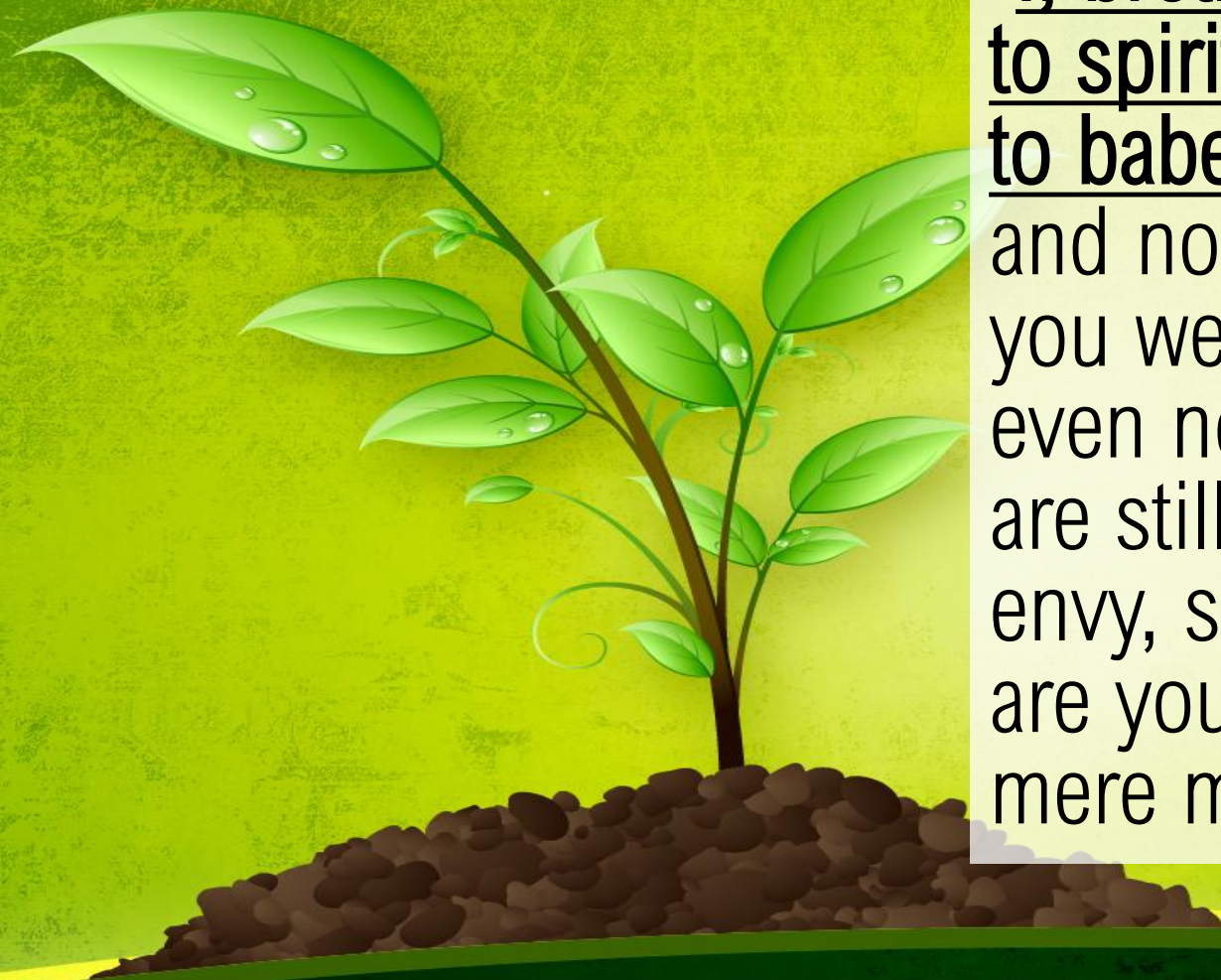


By This Time You Ought to Be Teachers

“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:12-14, NKJV).

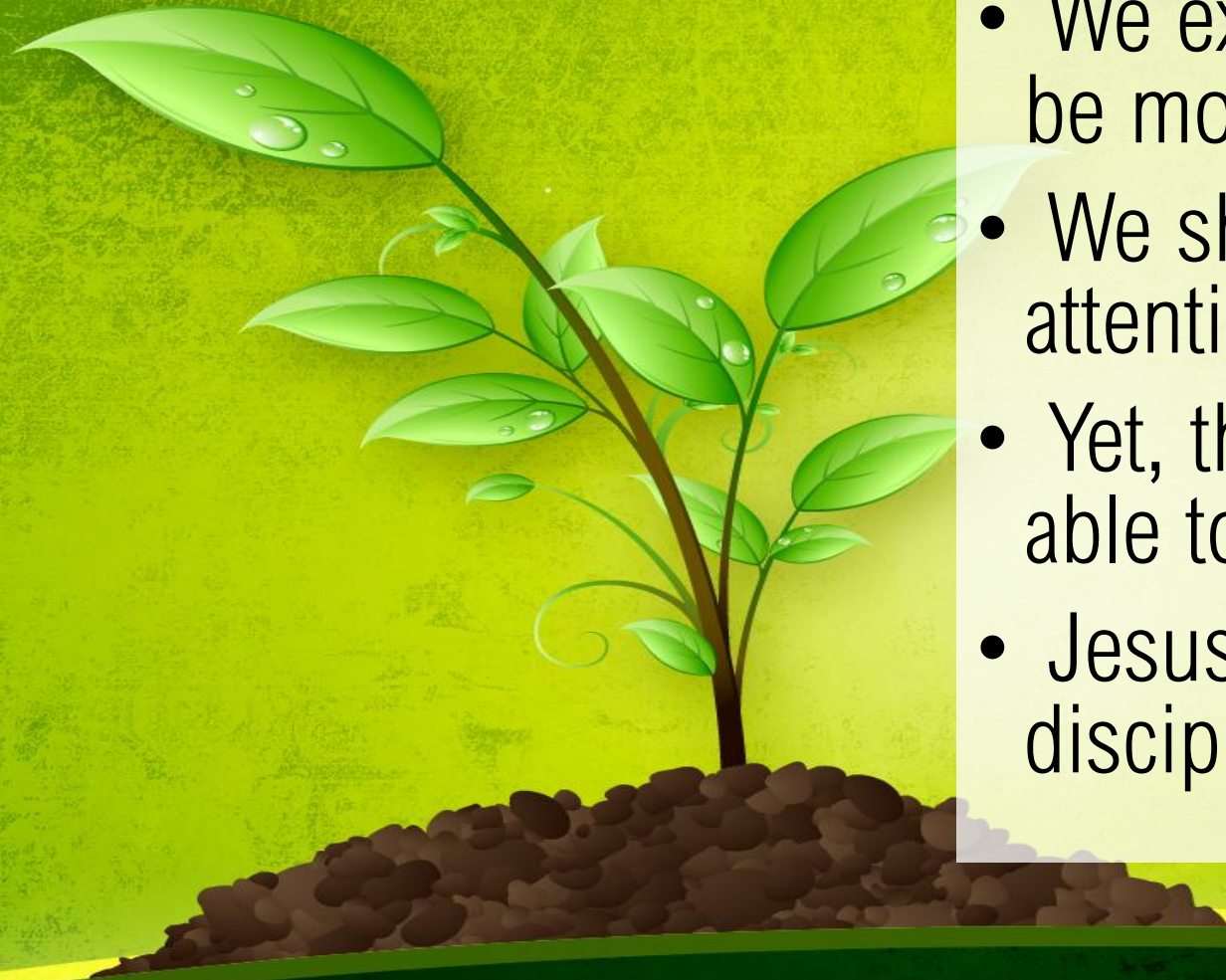


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“I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

By This Time You Ought to Be spiritually Stable



- We expect those new in the faith to be more “high-maintenance.”
- We should give more time and attention to the unstable.
- Yet, there comes a time when we are able to stand on our own two feet!
- Jesus wants us to prove our discipleship (John 15:5, 8).

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“Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. 15 For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:14-16).



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- Why are you waiting?
- Too concerned about what others think (John 12:42-43)?
- Lack of Knowledge (Romans 10:14)?
- Inaction (Acts 2:38-42; Acts 16:31-33)?



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