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Ephesians 4:11-16

"Why don't you just grow up?" How many times have you either heard this, or said it? An older sibling tires of putting up with the kid brother or sister and yearns for the day the "baby" of the family grows up. Of course, it is implied that the older sibling demonstrates the perfect behavior that the "baby" should have.

Where I teach, the students take the psychology course, "Lifespan Development," where age-appropriate behavior and skills are taught. I don't know of a course that gives the same content for the Christian life.

Wouldn't it be great if a chart could predict that when you are a Christian three years, you should demonstrate certain behaviors, but other behaviors are more appropriate at 30 years? The Bible says that truth given in love will help us grow up in all things. And the supreme example is Christ. What is the result of this? The whole body of Christ is healthy and fits together in love.

When is a Christian really grown up, or are we always growing?

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