

# THE POWER OF THREE-YEAR OLDS

## HEBREWS 5:11-14

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**BACKGROUND:** I have adult grandchildren and other relatives that learned as three year olds not to eat certain foods. To this day they will not eat these foods because the three year old is telling them (adults) not to eat them. You and I can be stuck in spiritual infancy if we let the “spiritual three-year old” in us have power over us.

**DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE UP.** Ignorance is a dullness of mind captivated by self-satisfaction. Faith that comes from learning and applying the Word is a train of continuous adventure fueled by grace. One is denying. The other is trying. (**Hebrews 5:11, Romans 10:17, Psalm 34:8, fn 34:8, Philippians 4:8, 9, fn 4:8, II Peter 1:2-9, fn 1:5-9, fn 1:9**) *What are some unhelpful religious habits of your youth that have power over you? How will you break those powers?*

**MUST GIVE UP**—Lethargic infant believers are satisfied with teaching that does not produce teachers. When the break is made from this attitude of ignorance, you start to learn and grow up and share about Jesus Christ—your righteousness. (**Hebrews 5:12, 13, fn 5:12, 13, I Corinthians 3:1-3, fn 3:1-3, Romans 8:5-8, fn 8:5, 6, II Corinthians 5:17-21, fn 5:17, fn 5:21**) *What could you be practicing in your spiritual journey that could help you mature in your faith?*

**AS I GROW UP.** The mature Christian desires to love God with all his/her heart, and from that desire springs the confidence of God's rest—the inner joy and peace that the Holy Spirit provides in all situations. The mature Christian desires to love others unconditionally, to allow his life to be controlled by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be obedient to God's Word and leading in his life no matter what the cost. (**Hebrews 5:14, fn 5:12-14, fn 5:14, I John 2:28, 29, fn 2:28, 29, I John 3:2, 3, fn 3:2, 3, Hebrews 10:32-39, fn 10:32-36**) *How does your maturity in the Lord demonstrate that you would or would not die for your Lord?*

*As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?*

