

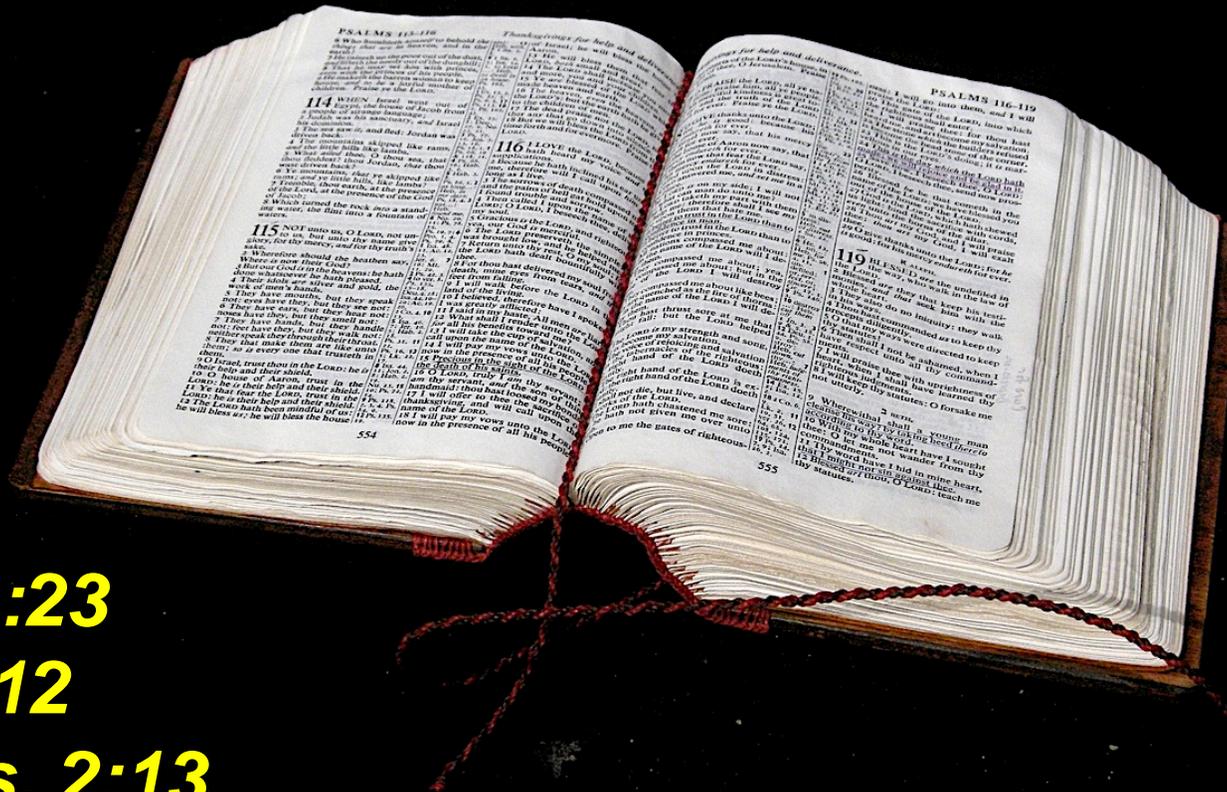
Growing
The Saints,
part 3

Ephesians 4:11-16



God Matures Christians Using Various Methods

God's Primary Tool Is The Bible



1 Pet. 1:23
Heb. 4:12
1 Thess. 2:13
1 Cor. 2:12-14

Important Question:

***What type of teaching
should you want?***

What Type of Teaching Is Needed?

Ephesians 4:14

“children”



tekna = “child of any age”

paidia = “child older than 4 yrs”

brephos = “still born or newborn”

What Type of Teaching Is Needed?

Ephesians 4:14

“children”



***napios = “infant, baby about
3 - 4 years of age”***

1st Occurrence of NAPIOS

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Principle #1 . . .

John 4:21

Eph. 4:20

1 Thess. 5:19

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1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Principle #1 . . .

Christians who do not pursue holiness cannot really know scripture and grow spiritually.

2nd Occurrence of NAPIOS

Hebrews 5:11-7:3

“dull”



nothros = “no-pusher”



2nd Occurrence of NAPIOS

Hebrews 5:11-7:3

Principle #2 . . .

2nd Occurrence of NAPIOS

Hebrews 5:11-7:3

Principle #2 . . .

***Christians must be holy and
on a diet of solid food to
become spiritually mature.***

2nd Occurrence of NAPIOS

Hebrews 5:11-7:3

Principle #3 . . .

A pastor-teacher who is holy and studies hard will grow spiritually and it will show in his teaching.

2nd Occurrence of NAPIOS

Hebrews 5:11-7:3

Acts 6:2, 4

1 Tim. 5:17

2 Tim. 2:15

What Should You Look For?

- 1. Evidence the pastor-teacher is laboring hard in the scriptures.***
- 2. The pastor-teacher is serving a diet mainly of solid food.***
- 3. The pastor-teacher is committed to teaching the entire Word of God.***
- 4. The pastor-teacher loves Jesus.***