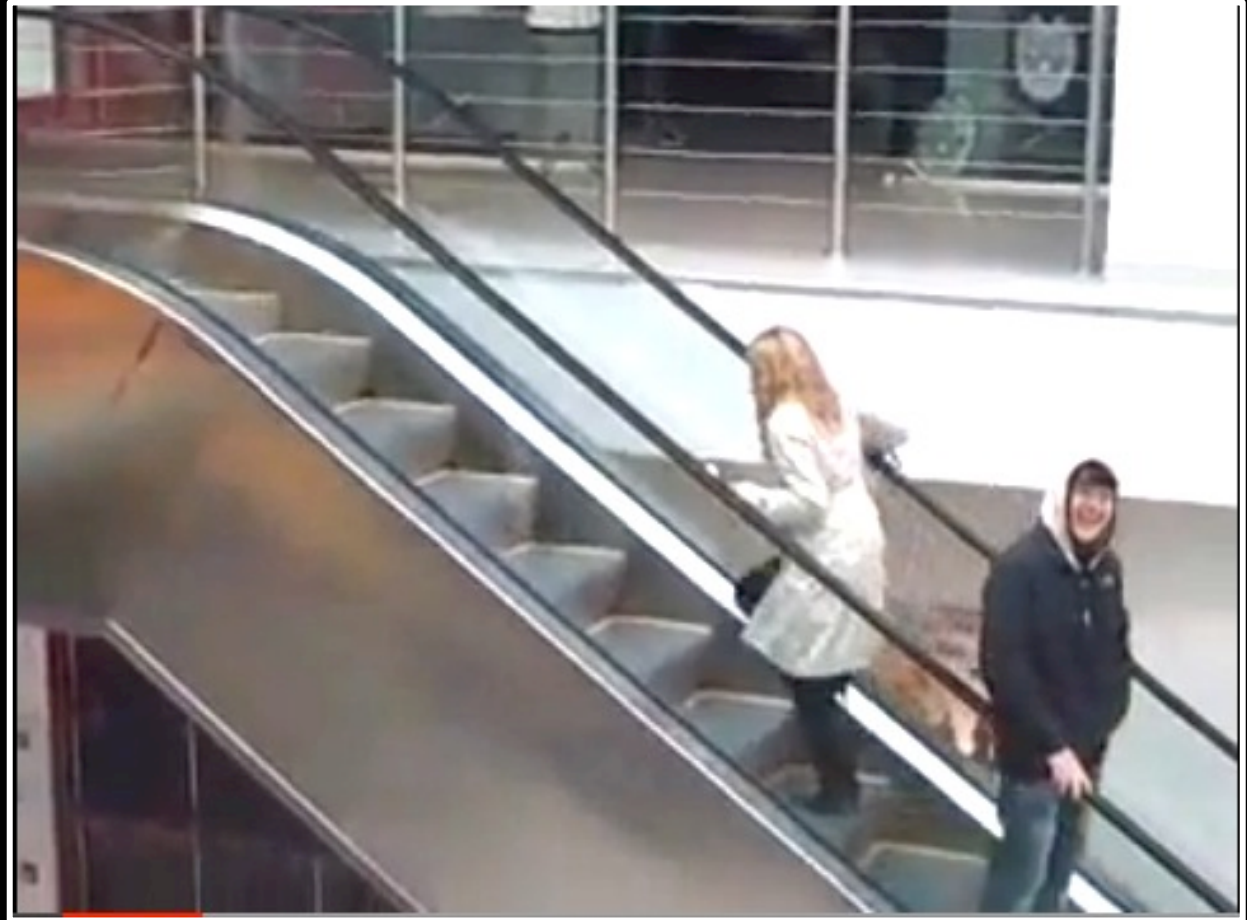


***Growing  
The Saints,  
part 4***

***Ephesians 4:11-16***

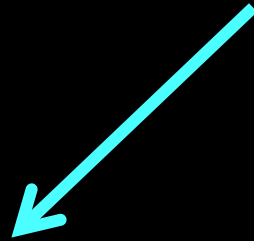


***Spiritual Growth Is Like  
Going Up The Down Escalator***

# ***Purpose of Teaching Scripture***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***To no longer be “children”***



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

# ***Immaturity - Like A Ship In A Storm***

***Ephesians 4:14***



# ***Purpose of Teaching Scripture***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***Paul describes these winds:***

- 1. Trickery of men***
- 2. Craftiness in deceitful scheming***

# ***Trickery of Men***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***“trickery”***



***kubēia = “a cube, dice”***



# ***Trickery of Men***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***First Beliefs***

***Like Chance***



# ***Trickery of Men***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***Principle #1 . . .***

***Christians must always be willing  
to re-evaluate what we believe . . .  
in the light of scripture.***



# *The Five “S”s*

- 1. Sin** *Confess your sin*
- 2. Spirit** *Ask the H.S. to guide*
- 3. Serious** *Seek with all your heart*
- 4. Study** *Study . . .*
- 5. Solid Food** *Pursue solid food*

# ***Examples of “Trickery”***

- ***2 Peter 3:15-16***
- ***Discussion groups***

# ***Craftiness of Deceitful Scheming***

***Ephesians 4:14***



# ***Craftiness of Deceitful Scheming***

***Ephesians 4:14***

***Jer. 2:8***

***Acts 20:29-30***

***Lam. 2:14***

***1 Tim. 4:1-3***

***Hosea 4:6***

***2 Pet. 2:1-3***

***Malachi 2:6-8***

***Rom. 4:1-5***

***2 Tim. 4:3-4***

***Gal. 2:16***

# ***Speak The Truth In Love***

***Ephesians 4:15***

***2 Tim. 2:24-26***

***2 Tim. 2:15-18***

# ***Christ + The Whole Body***

***Ephesians 4:15***

***John 15:1-4***

# **Summary**

## **Ephesians 4:11-16**

### **Principle #2 . . .**

***Spiritual maturity is achieved through Christ, the spiritually gifted body and the Word of Truth.***