

# Spirituality That's Immature

One thing I've learnt over and over again -- the hard way -- in the past is this: When I think I've arrived, I'm still not there. When I think I've understood something spiritual or matured spiritually, I suddenly get a 'wake-up call' that shows me I've got a long way to go. These days I'm content to let Father mold<sup>1</sup> me, teach me and train me, and just focus on what he's doing, rather than where I'm at. This is spiritual logic and it's allowed me to take the pressure off that the church system instilled in me to perform and strive.<sup>2</sup>

In this area of misunderstanding our spirituality, there's something I've come across which is immature, but 'parades' as mature.

There's a theology (more of an ideology than something spiritually important) which infers that unless we're powered by the Spirit, we can't achieve anything. That, of course, is a type of hyper-spirituality, one that I've come across, and even been subject to in the past.

It's roots are in the Pentecostal system, where I used to 'belong'. It comes from an extreme, but ignorant biblical understanding of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. He stated that he only said what Father told him and he only did what he saw Father doing. To the adherents to this ideology, that means unless the Spirit guides us in everything, we're ineffective.

Unfortunately, this framework of thinking misunderstands two basic spiritual realities:

1. We're not in complete union within ourselves (body, mind, soul and spirit) as Jesus was, &
2. We're not in complete union with the Trinity, as he was.

These factors show that we're spiritually immature, compared to how a mature son operates (viz. Jesus), so we can't yet measure up to his performance as our prototype<sup>3</sup>. In our ignorance -- and possibly our spiritual pride -- we see ourselves as mature because we operate in the gifts of the Spirit<sup>4</sup> and also the ascension gifts<sup>5</sup>. That's foolishness.<sup>6</sup>

We need to realise that we have a long way to go to become mature in our sonship. That's because our mind and soul have too much sway in our lives. However, that doesn't mean that we should think less of ourselves, or feel defeated<sup>7</sup>. Instead, we should use that fact to operate soberly<sup>8</sup> and commit ourselves to Father to allow him to grow us spiritually, as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, we need to stop thinking at all about how spiritually mature we are, and operate spiritually as best we can. That includes focusing on our spiritual communication with Father, all day long, plus checking with our spirit before we do or say anything. That will be the main strategy for us to keep more on track with him and keep us more in line with being his representative to the world around us.

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1 -- Mould is a fungus.

2 -- "Stop Striving, Stop Performing" (14-5-2023) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Stop-Striving-Stop-Performing.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Stop-Striving-Stop-Performing.pdf)

3 -- "Jesus Our Prototype and Model" (25-12-2022) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Jesus-Our-Prototype-and-Model.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Jesus-Our-Prototype-and-Model.pdf)

4 -- Healing, miracles, tongues, etc.

5 -- Apostolic, prophetic, etc.

6 -- "Faith, Foolishness & Presumption" (10-1-2018)

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7 -- Unable to achieve our object by conquering all obstructions in our way.

8 -- Clear headed.