



BABE, YOUNG MAN, FATHER

1. **Introduction**

I Jn 2:12-14

- 12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
- 13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.
- 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

2. **Babe**

- New Christian
- Still very self centered
- Does not know the Word
- Wants all the focus on them
- Needs to realize that they must submit to spiritual leadership – Heb 13:17
- At this stage you must have an attitude of a slave and just do what is asked (blind trust) and not oppose instruction in order to grow – Gal 4:1

3. **Young man**

- They are strong in faith
- Know the Word
- They have overcome the wicked one
- Often will challenge authority out of frustration
- Many times will have revelation flowing
- Will be very strong on right and wrong
- They don't understand the value of grace – 1 Kings 12:6-10
- Often use the Bible to correct the church but sometimes lack the wisdom – 1 Cor 10:23
- A young man is ready when he carries the same heart as the father – Phil 2:19-20

4. Father

- They KNOW the Father
- He loves unconditionally
- Only lives to give into the next generation
- Sees himself as the doormat for the next generation
- Will release sons and not control them but guide them
- Will always operate in Love
- Will pay the price for sons to grow and be released
- Not many fathers – 1 Cor 4:15
- A father will allow sons to mess up and go against his advice and still not only be there for them but also pay any price incurred by the sons mistakes – Lk 15:17-32