

Victory Connect Lesson
Confronting the Peter Pan Syndrome
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1. Because of our high calling, our walk deserves attention. Eph 4:1 KJV ...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2. If we do not grow in Christ, we will remain immature and unstable. Eph 4:14a KJV - That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine....

3. The enemy seeks to deceive immature believers.
Eph 4:14b KJV ...tossed...and carried about...by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

4. We grow up into Him by speaking the truth in love.
Eph 4:15 AMP - But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all things into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ.

5. Indications of a mature believer:

- a. Rooted and grounded in love (Eph 3: 17)
- b. Stable, not tossed to and fro (Eph 4:14)
- c. Willing to impart to (edify) others (Eph 4:11)
- d. Willing to listen to and learn from others (Jas 1:19)
- d. A doer and not just a hearer of the Word (Jas 1:22)
- e. Seeks unity of the faith, not division (Eph 4:13a)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Are you willing to grow up into Him?
- 2. Are you planted in the house of the Lord?
- 3. How do you foster unity among believers?

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