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### Birth/Infancy – Help Me!

- All of us are born into the family of God (John 3:3-5).
- The cry of a baby is, “**Help Me!**”
- The focus of a baby is survival.
- We must be careful that we do not treat new Christians like abandoned baby’s.
- (Acts 20:35).

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## Childhood – Tell Me!

- Childhood is a time of discovery.
- The focus is on learning.
- What makes this such a commendable stage also can make for being a very vulnerable stage (Acts 20:28-30; 2 Peter 2:1-2).

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## Adolescence – Prove It To Me!

- This is a time of independence as one seeks to be their “own” person.
- Challenging and needing proof is not a bad thing, but a necessary stage for proper growth.
- We need to have the attitude of the Bereans (Acts 17:11-12).

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## Adulthood – Watch Me!

- With maturity comes responsibility and stability.
- Adulthood brings the realization that we are models and mentors of the young.
- Maturity is not perfection, but it ought to be a whole lot closer to it than when one was a child.
- (Romans 14:7; Luke 17:1-2).