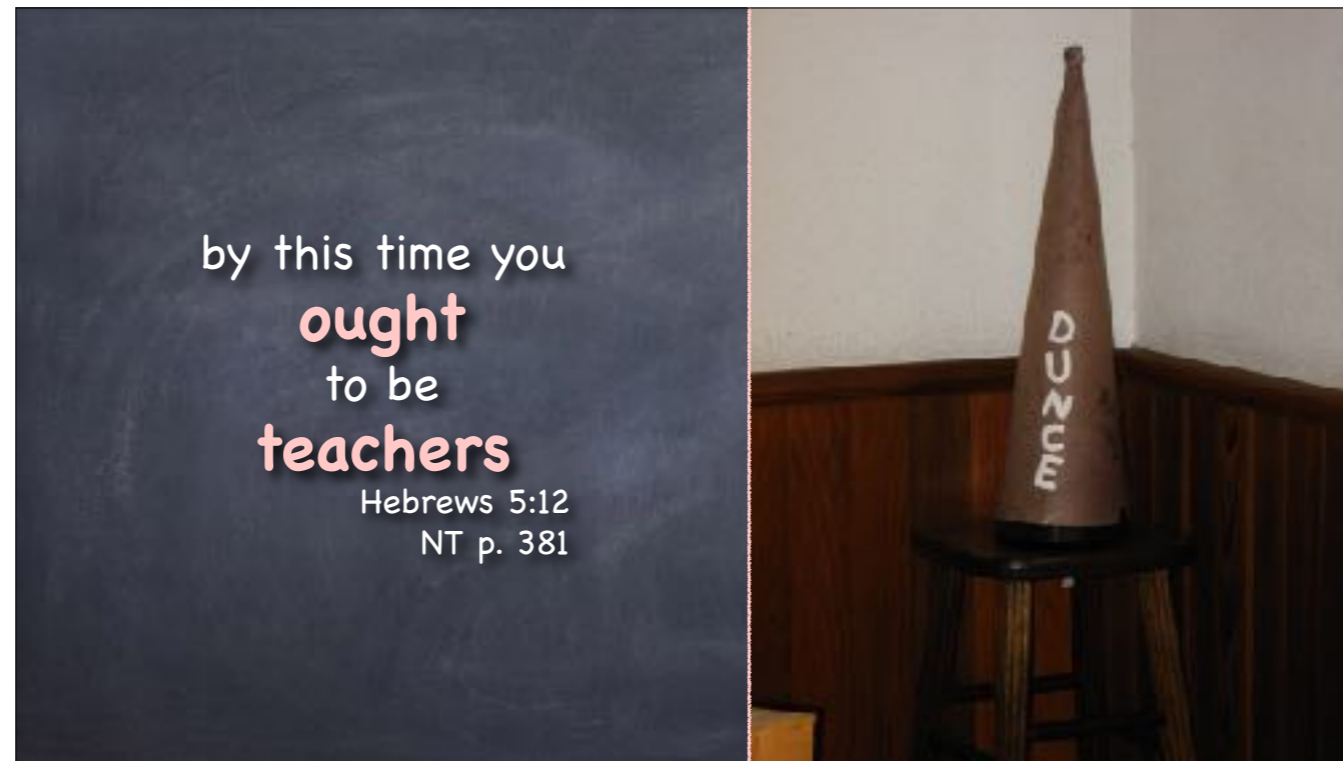
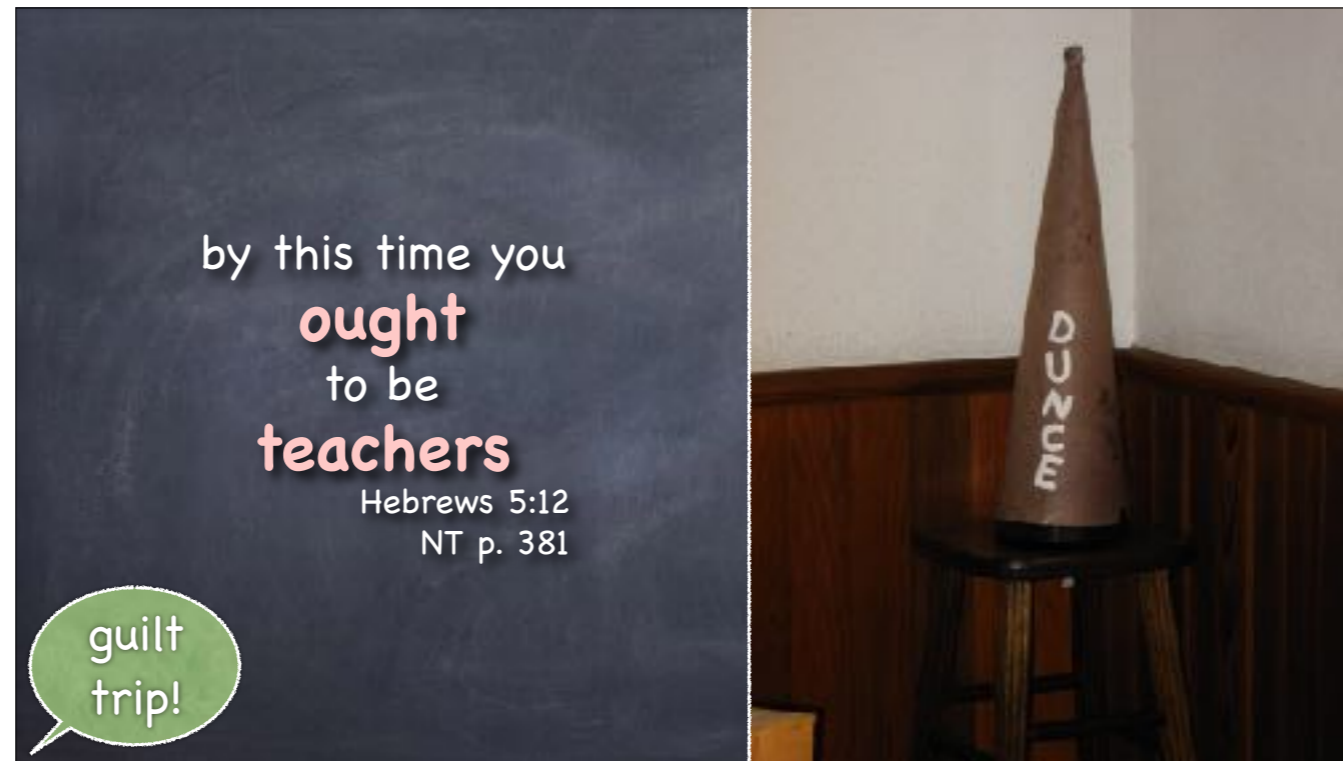


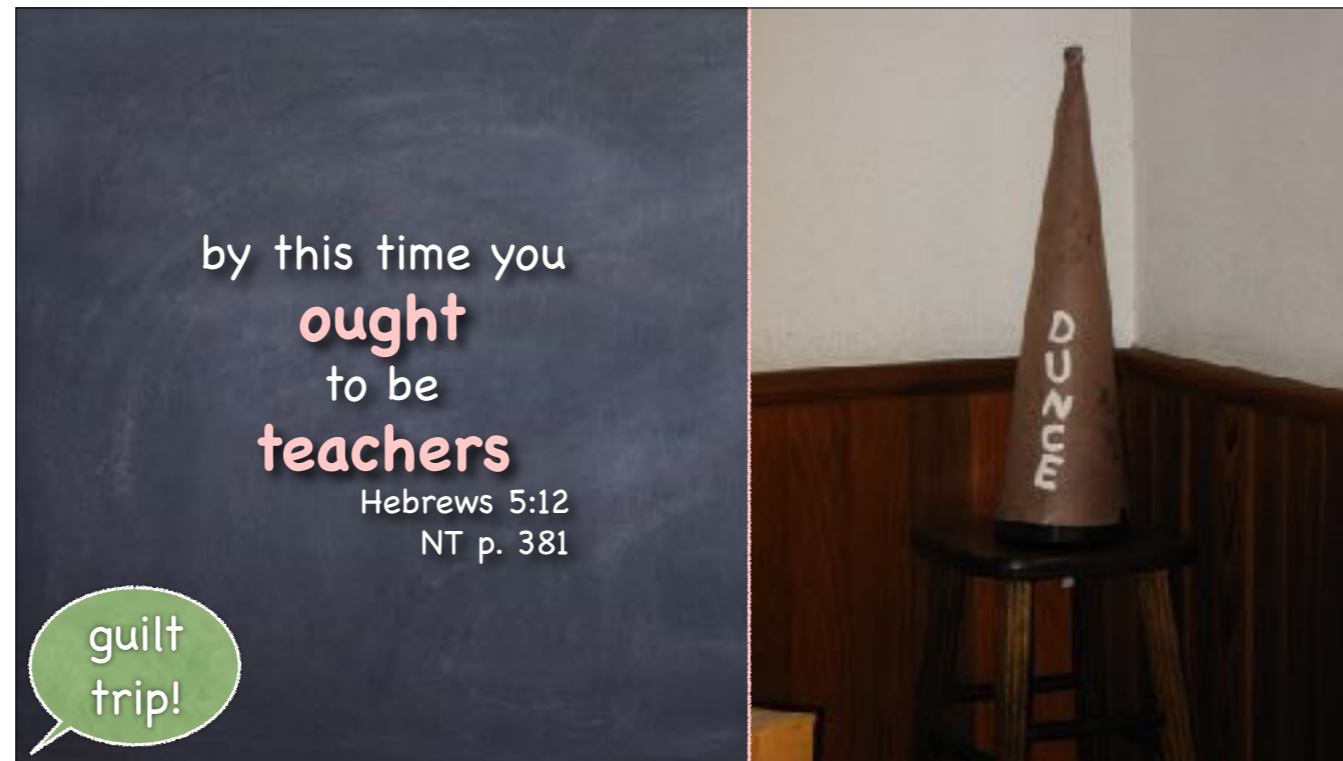
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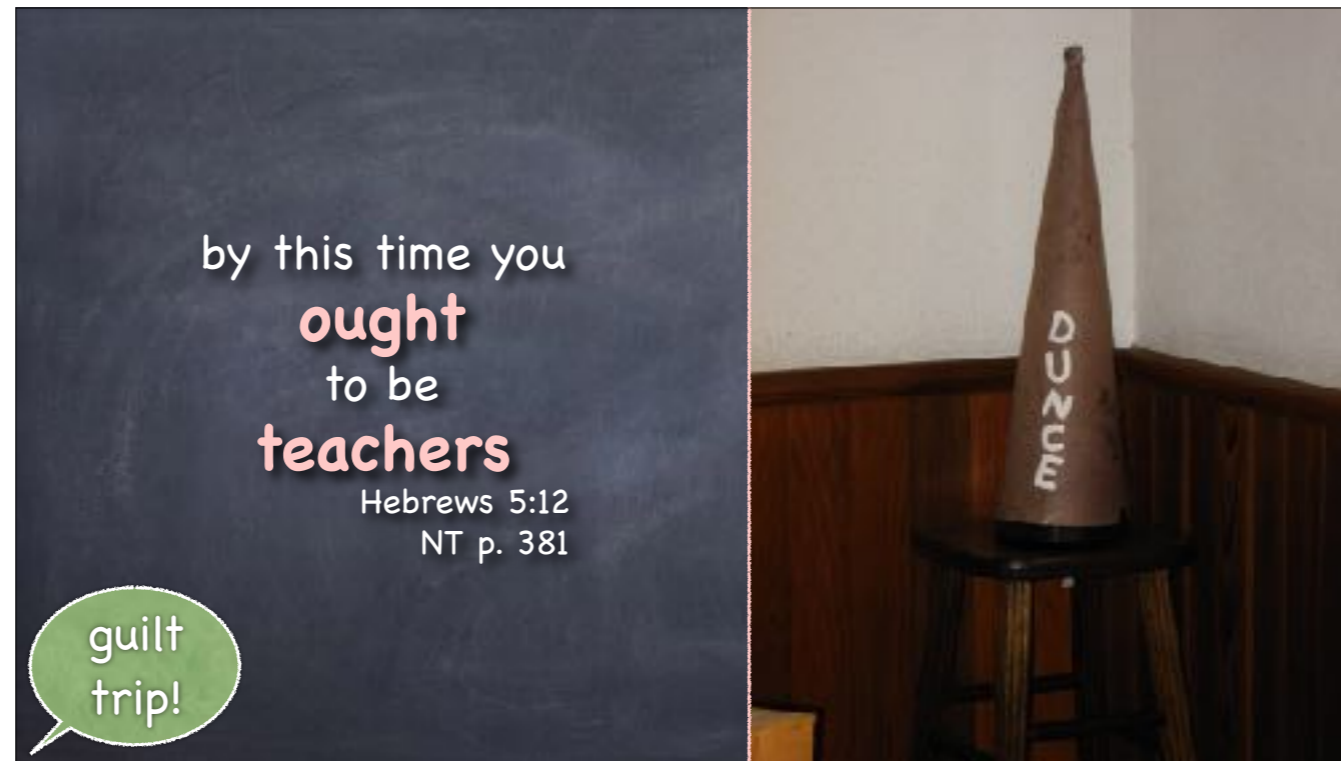
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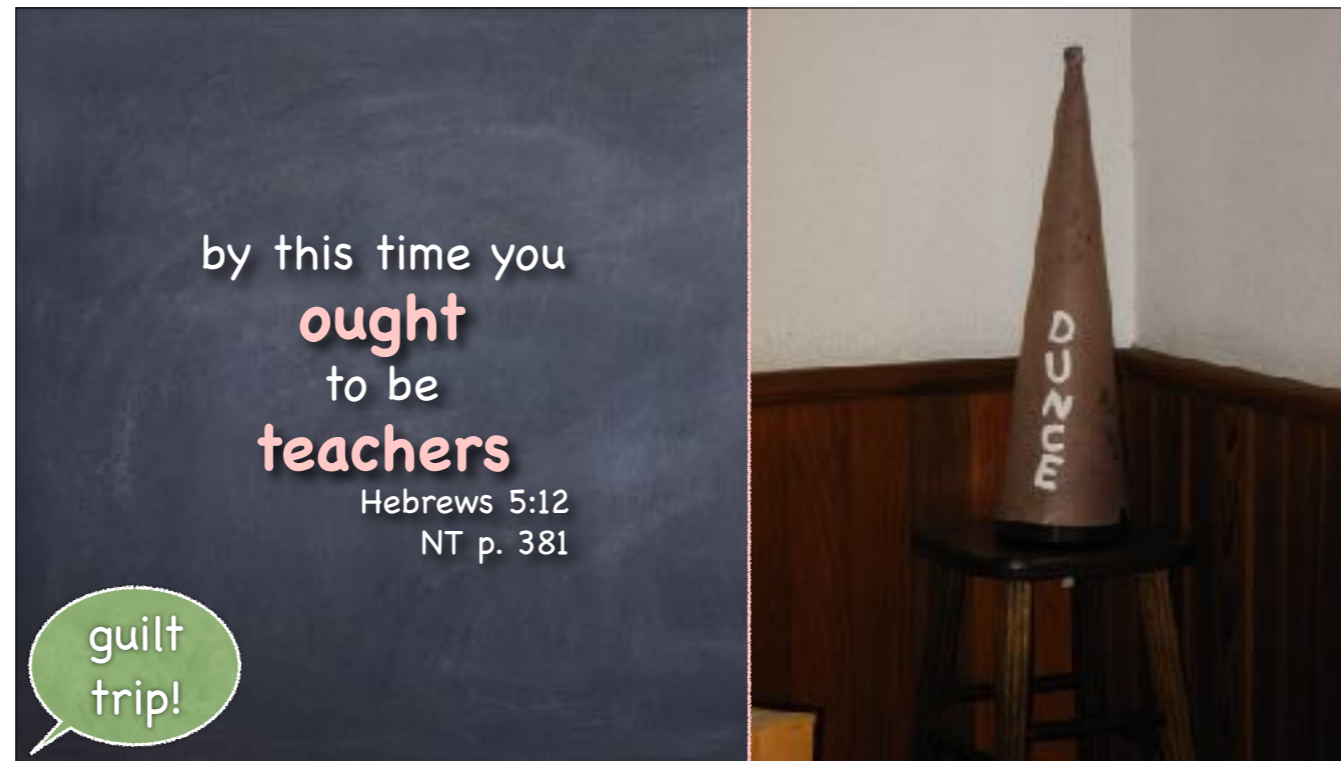
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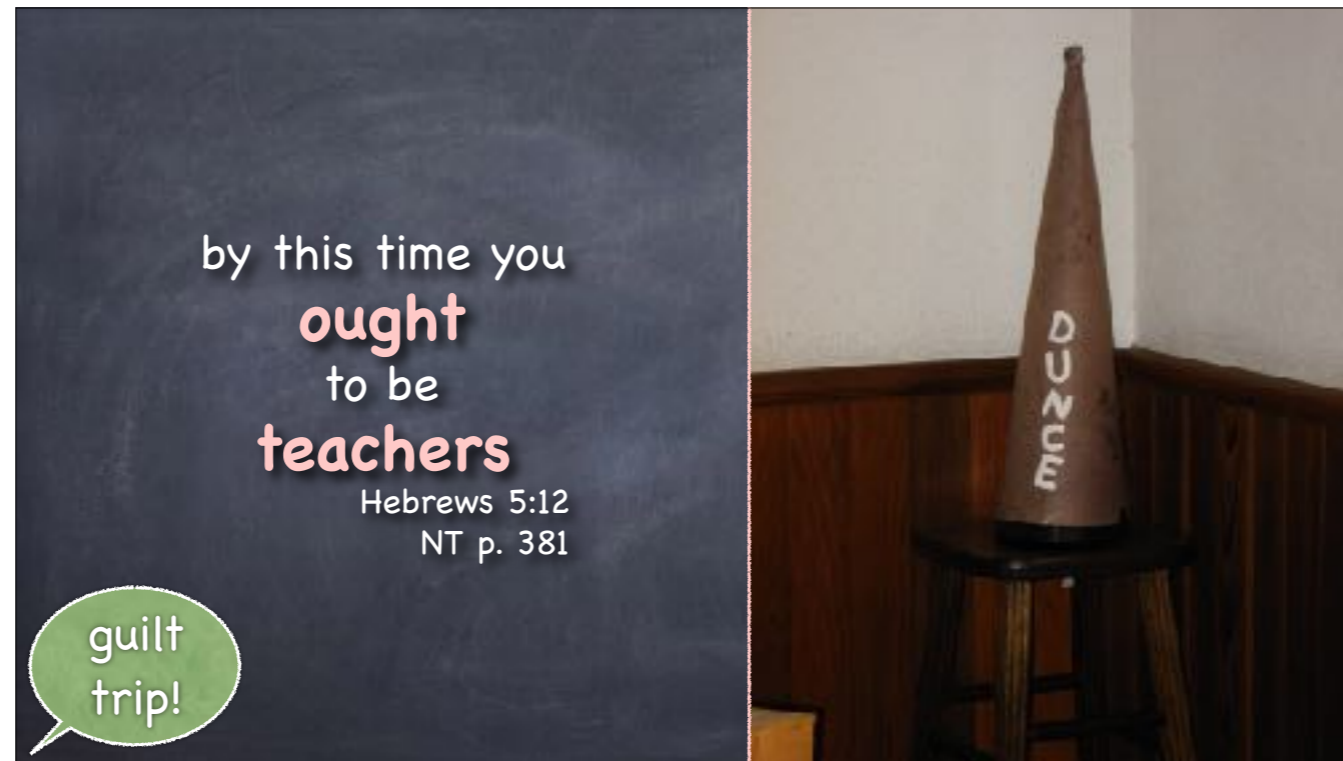
- Talking to people who had probably be Jews their whole lives.
- Heard the gospel of Jesus Christ
 - repented of sin
 - believed
 - baptized
 - looked forward to the resurrection at the judgment
- Some may have even been given gifts of the Spirit by laying on of the hands of the apostles



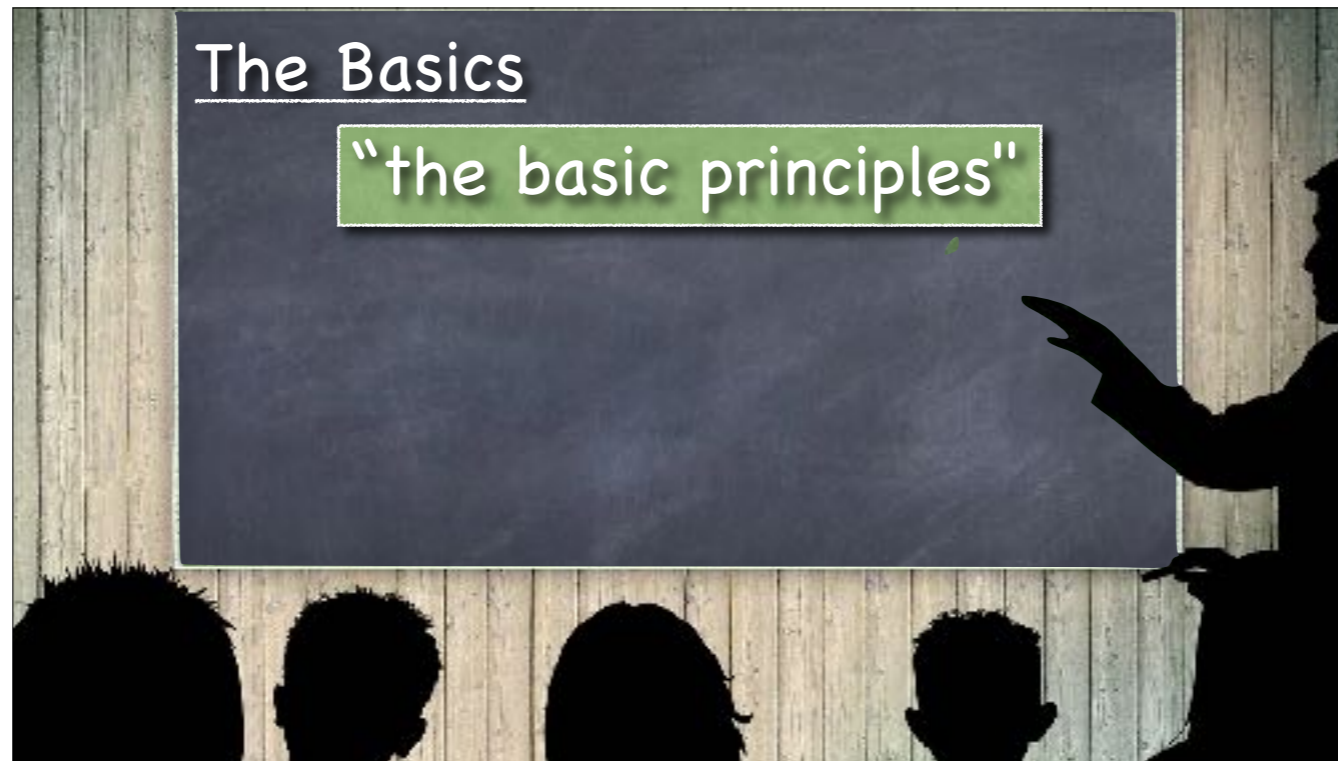
- At some point, and for some reason, they had failed to grow in Christ.
 - Persecution? Scared?
 - Hebrews 10:32-36 (ESV) 32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.



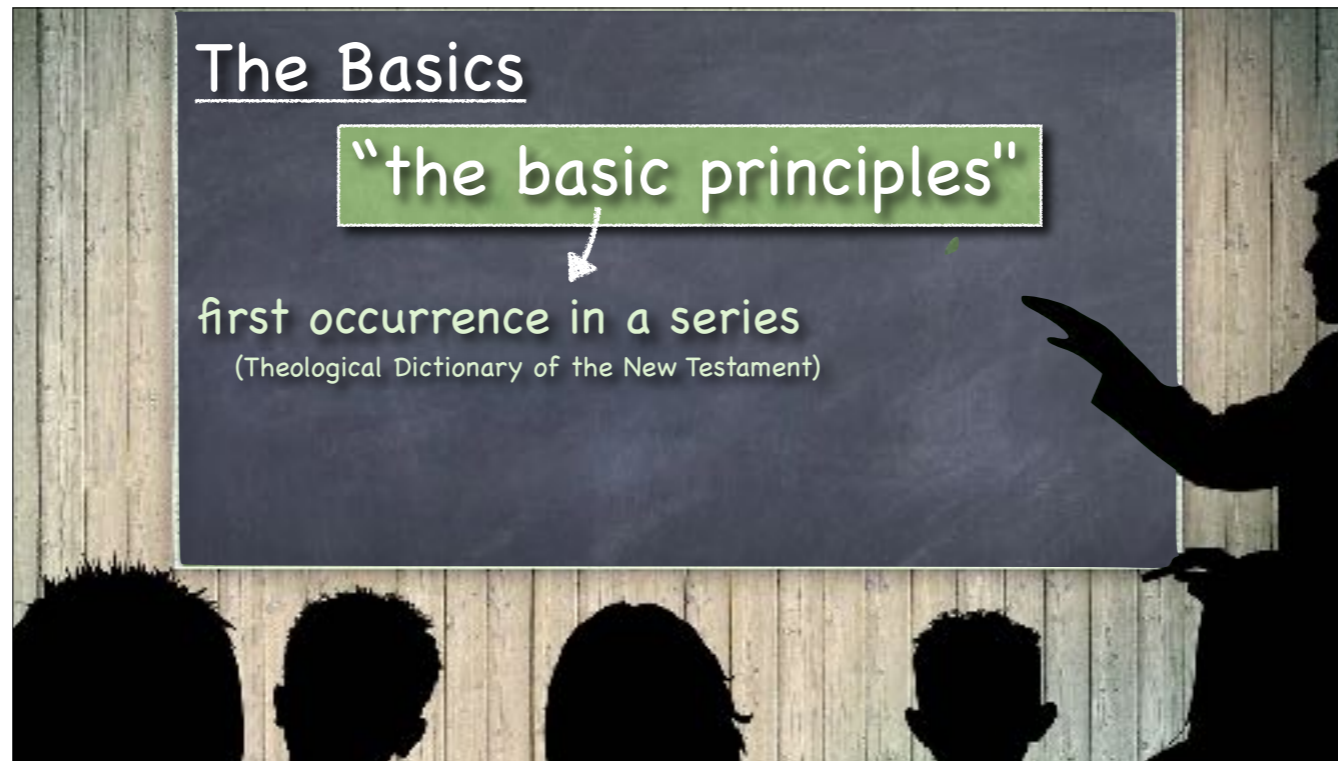
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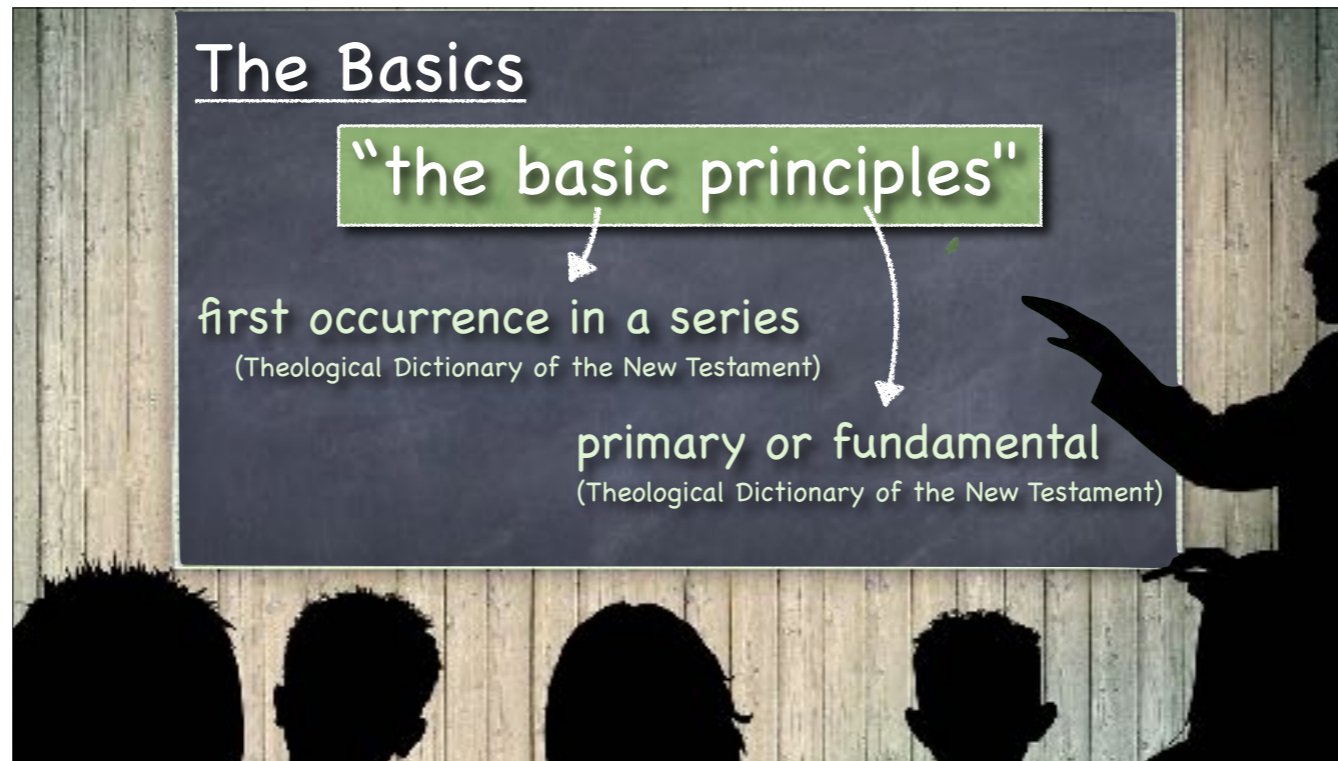
- Whatever the reason, the writer of Hebrews tells them enough time has passed that they shouldn't be children of God's word, but should be teachers.
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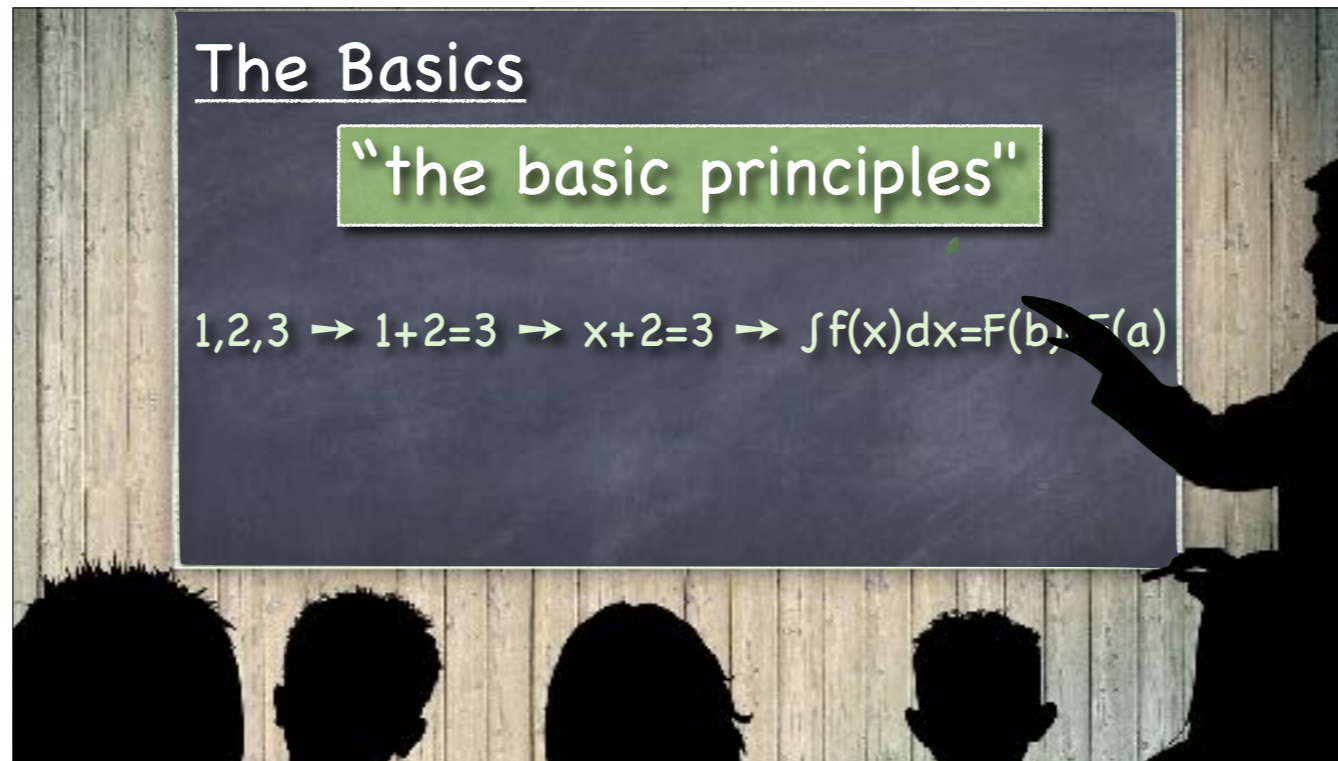
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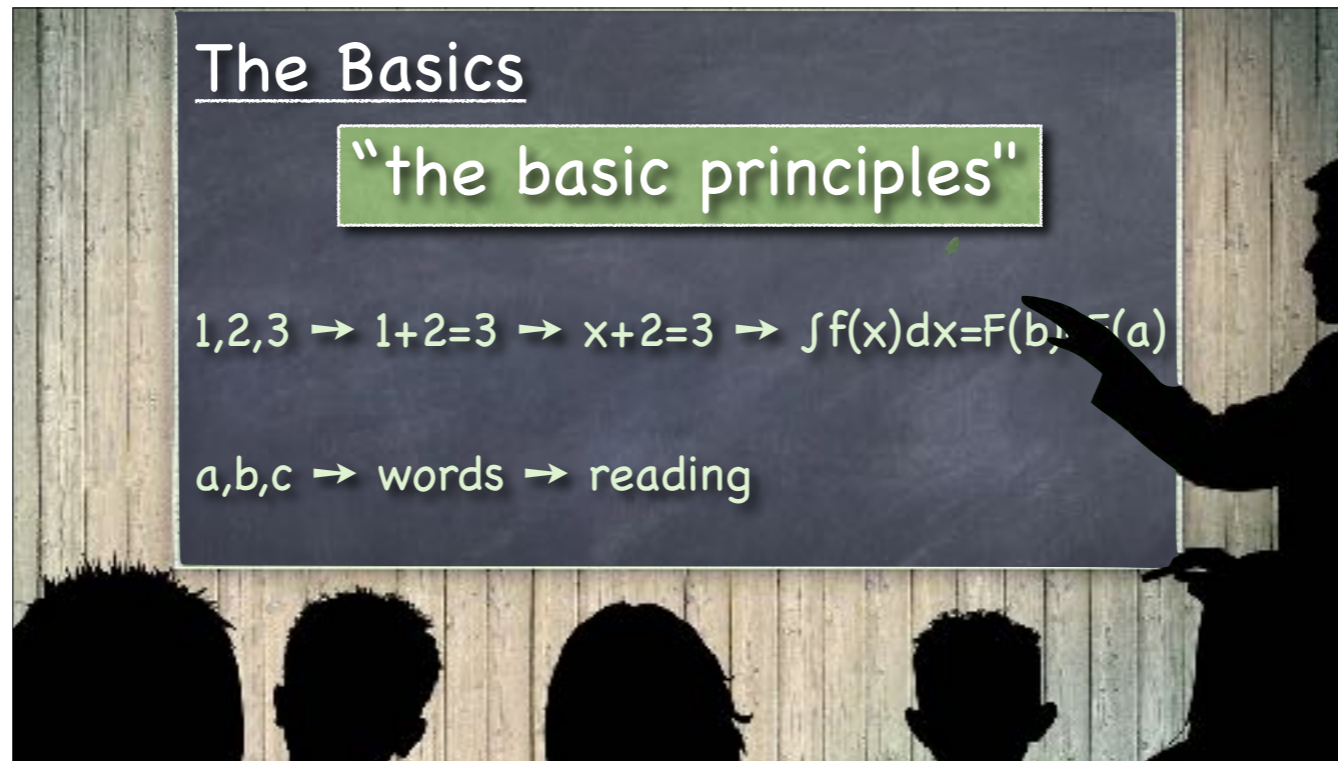
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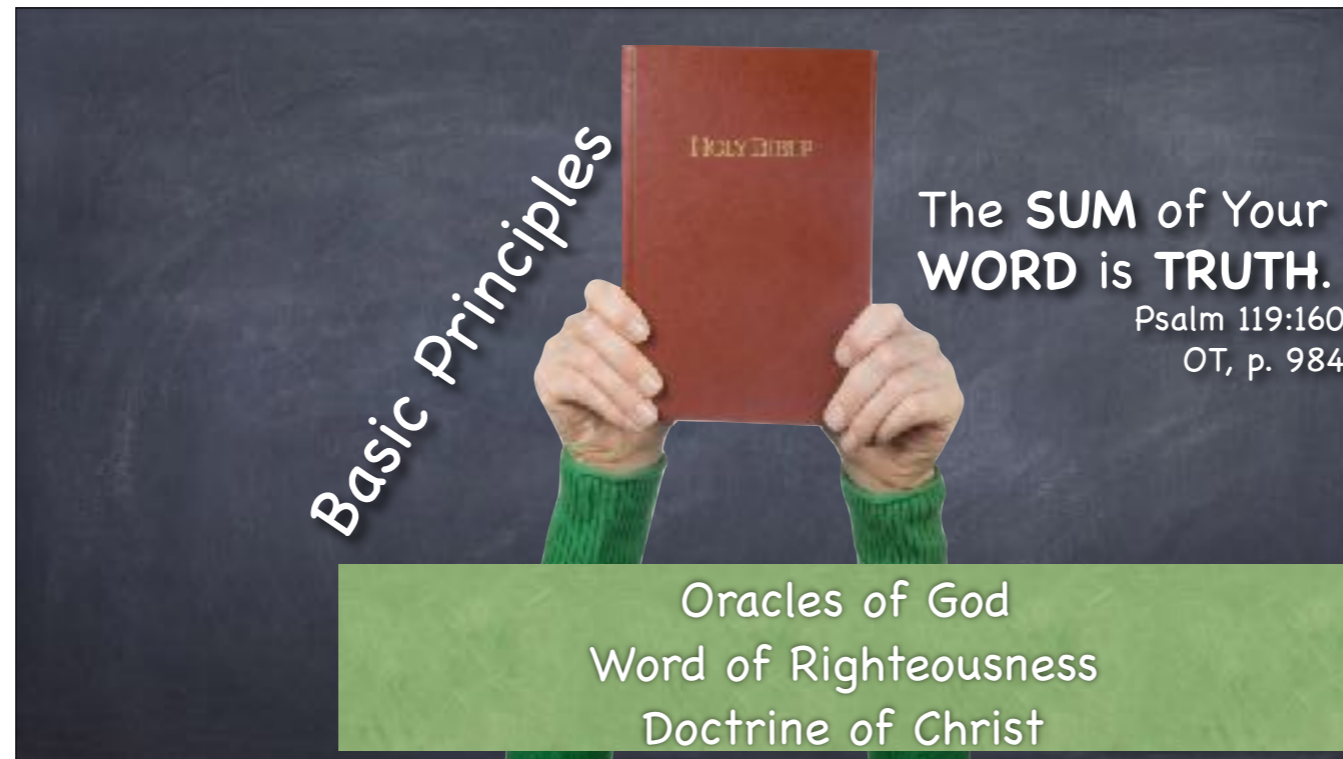
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- However, in doing this, he tells us about the BASIC PRINCIPLES of the oracles of God.



- Oracles of God
- Word of Righteousness
- Doctrine of Christ
- Psalms 119:160: The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Basic Principles

repentance from dead works

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- instruction about washings



- the laying on of hands




- the resurrection fo the dead



- eternal judgment



- Milk
 - a metaphor. for the less difficult Christian truths




Basic

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1 Corinthians 3:1-3
NT p. 285

Word of Righteousness
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Basic

eternal judgment

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1 Peter 2:2
NT p. 402

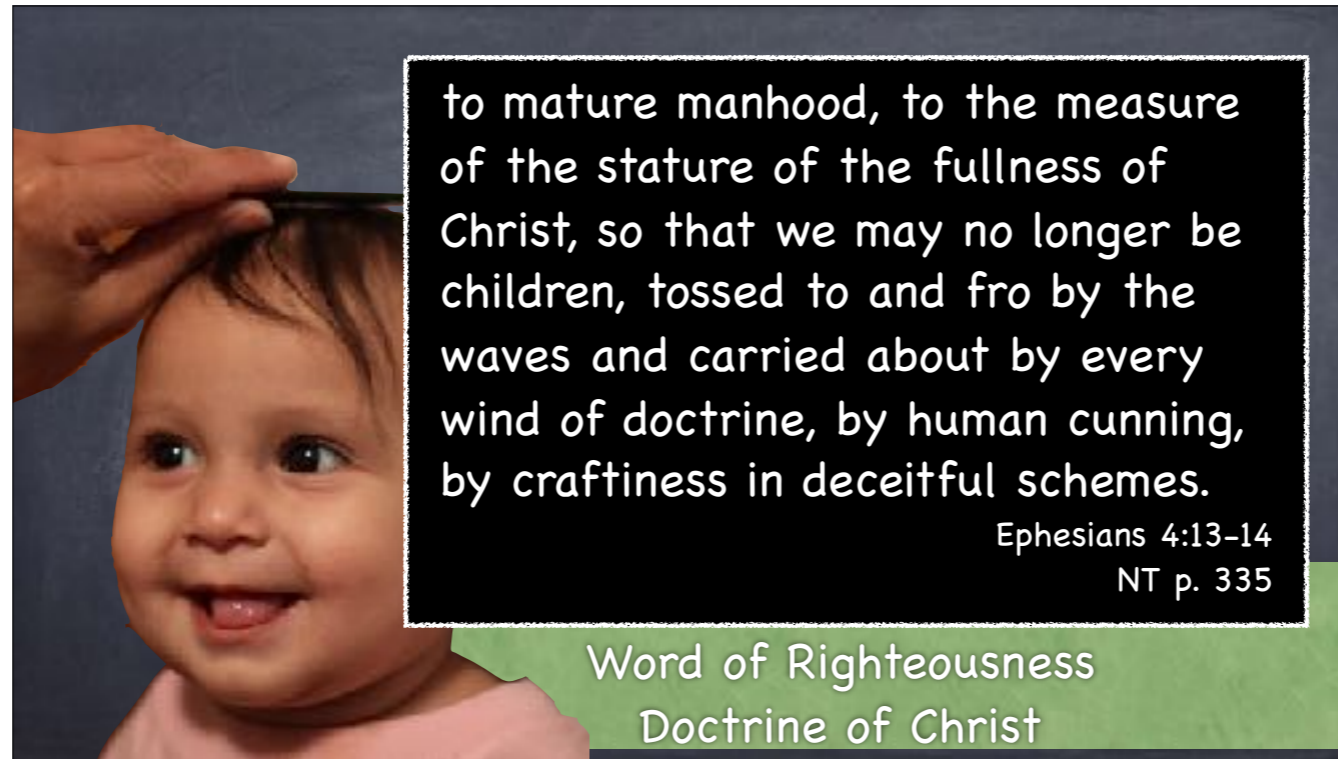
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- Pure Spiritual Milk
 - These truths are wonderful!
 - They are powerful!
 - They are vitally important for us all!
- GROW UP



- Milk for Children
 - Unskilled
 - inexperienced
 - Child (babe)
 - immature, foolish: conduct, doesn't take into account reality.



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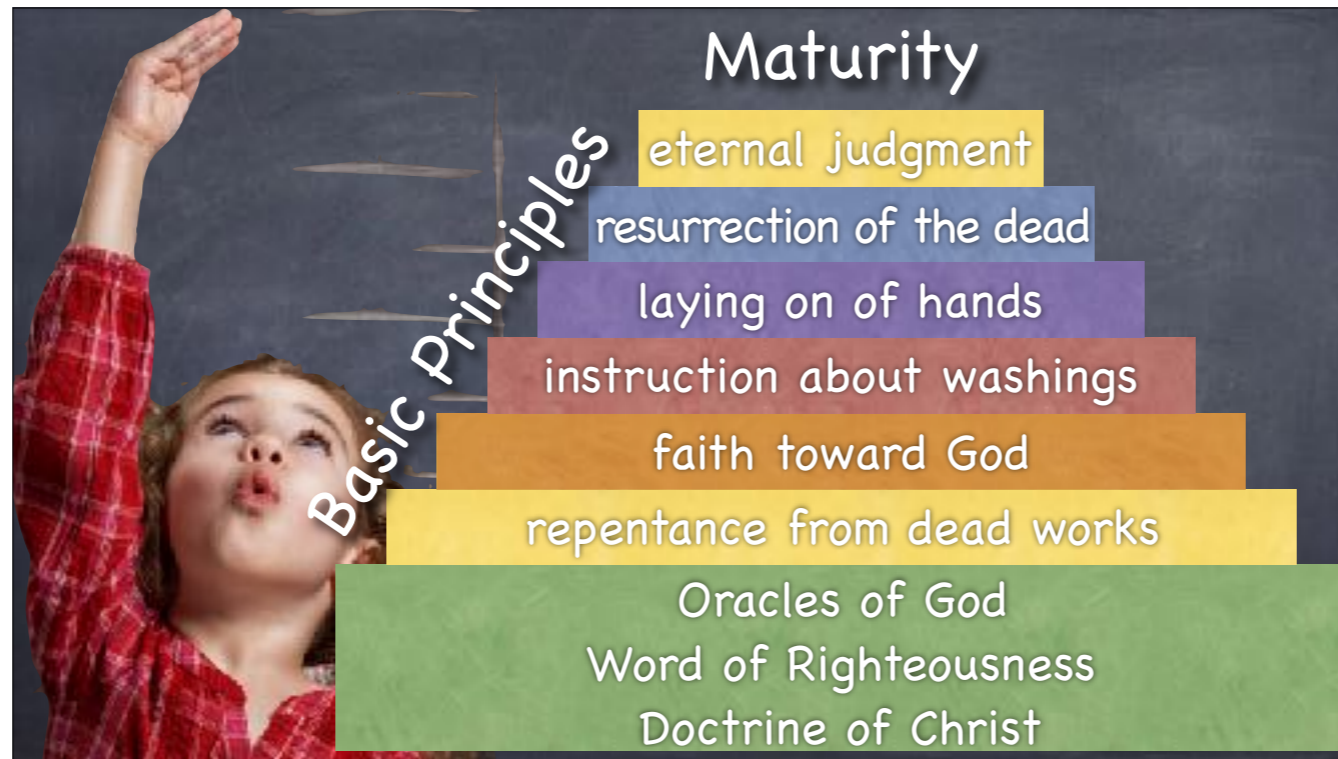
Ephesians 4:13-14
NT p. 335

Word of Righteousness
Doctrine of Christ

- We all begin as children
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- Mature, maturity



- Children must not remain as children
 - Must grow, and grow correctly



- Matthew 13:18-23 (ESV) 18 “Hear then the parable of the sower:
 - 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.



- 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Maturity

Matthew 13:18-23
NT p. 24

Basic Principles

- eternal judgment
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- laying on of hands
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Oracles of God

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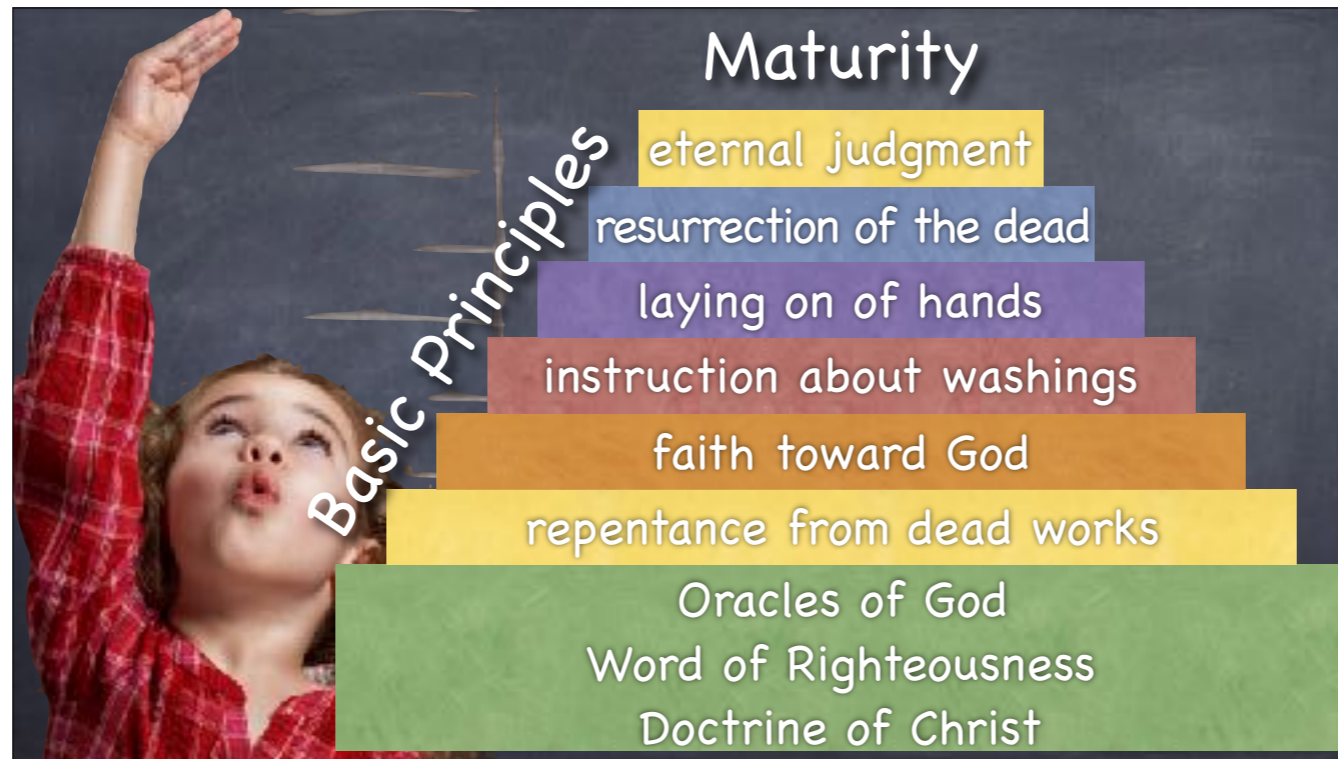
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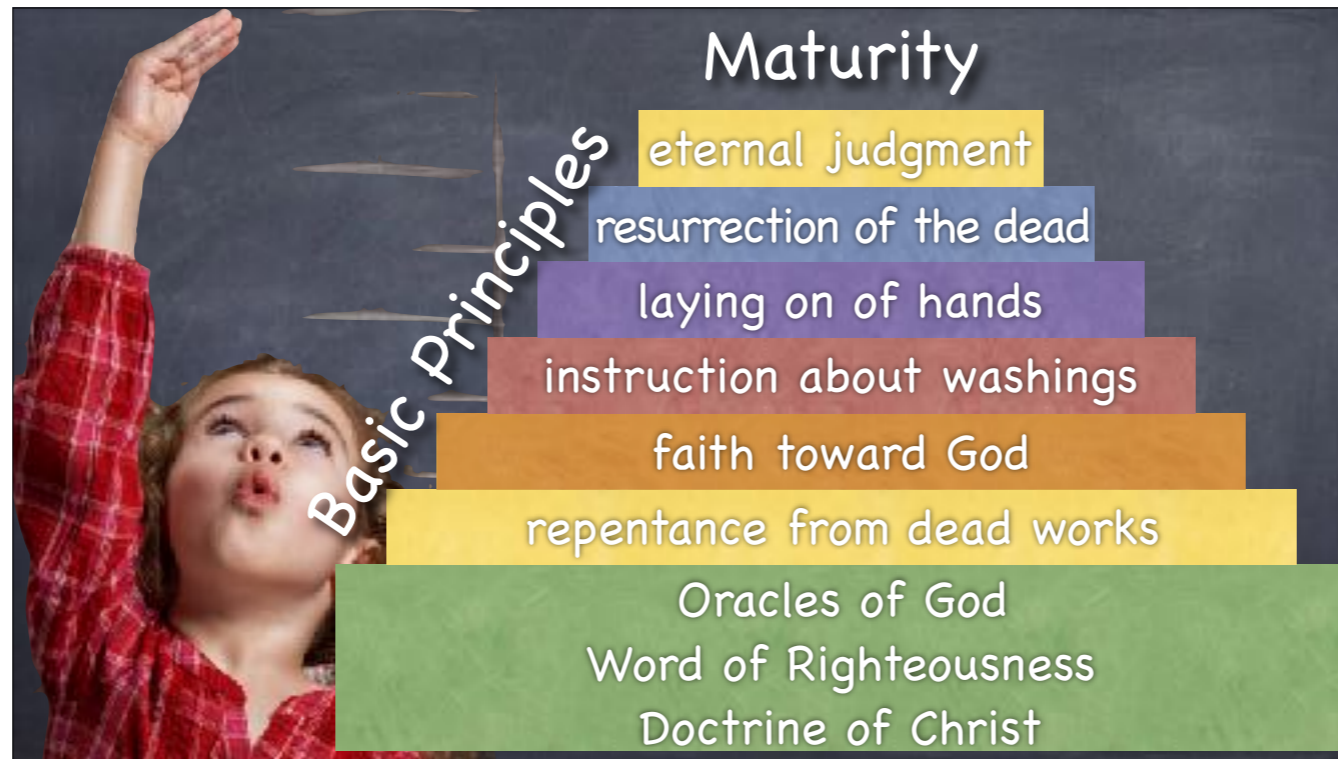
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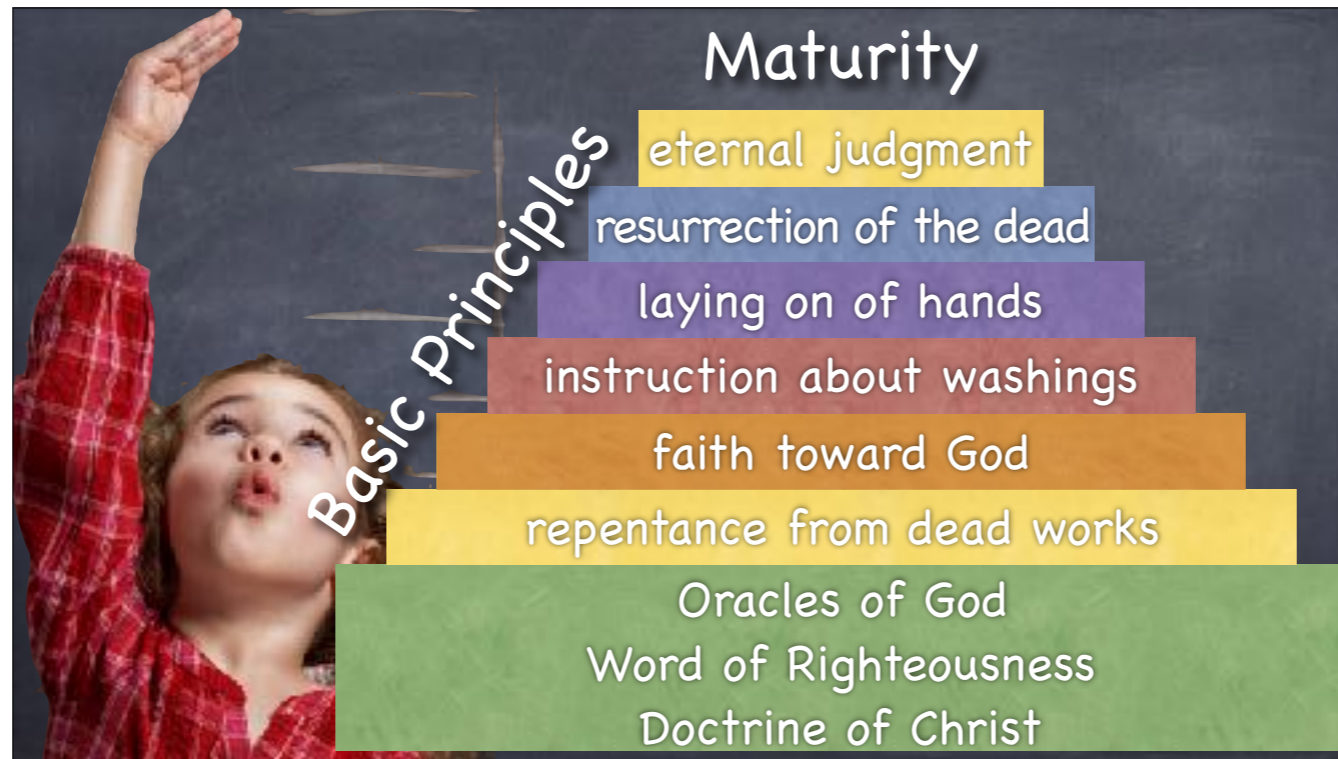
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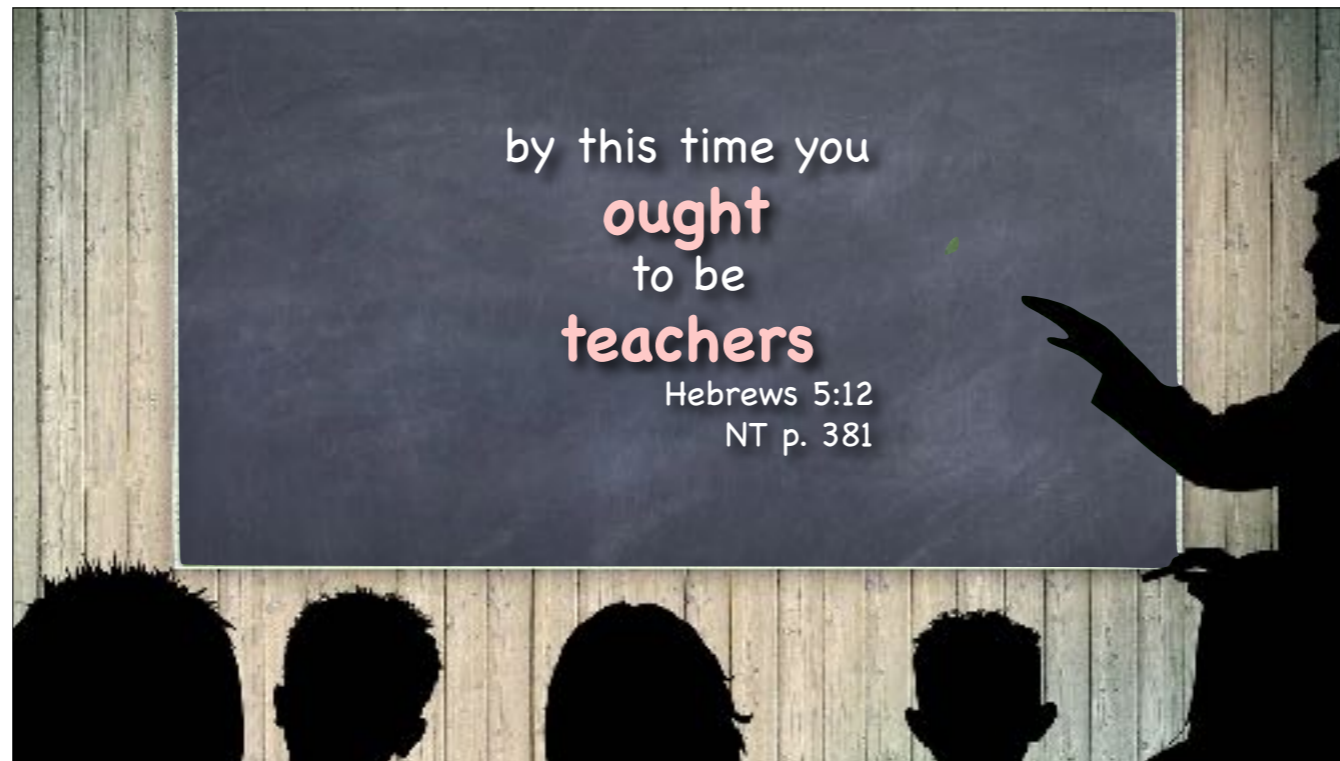
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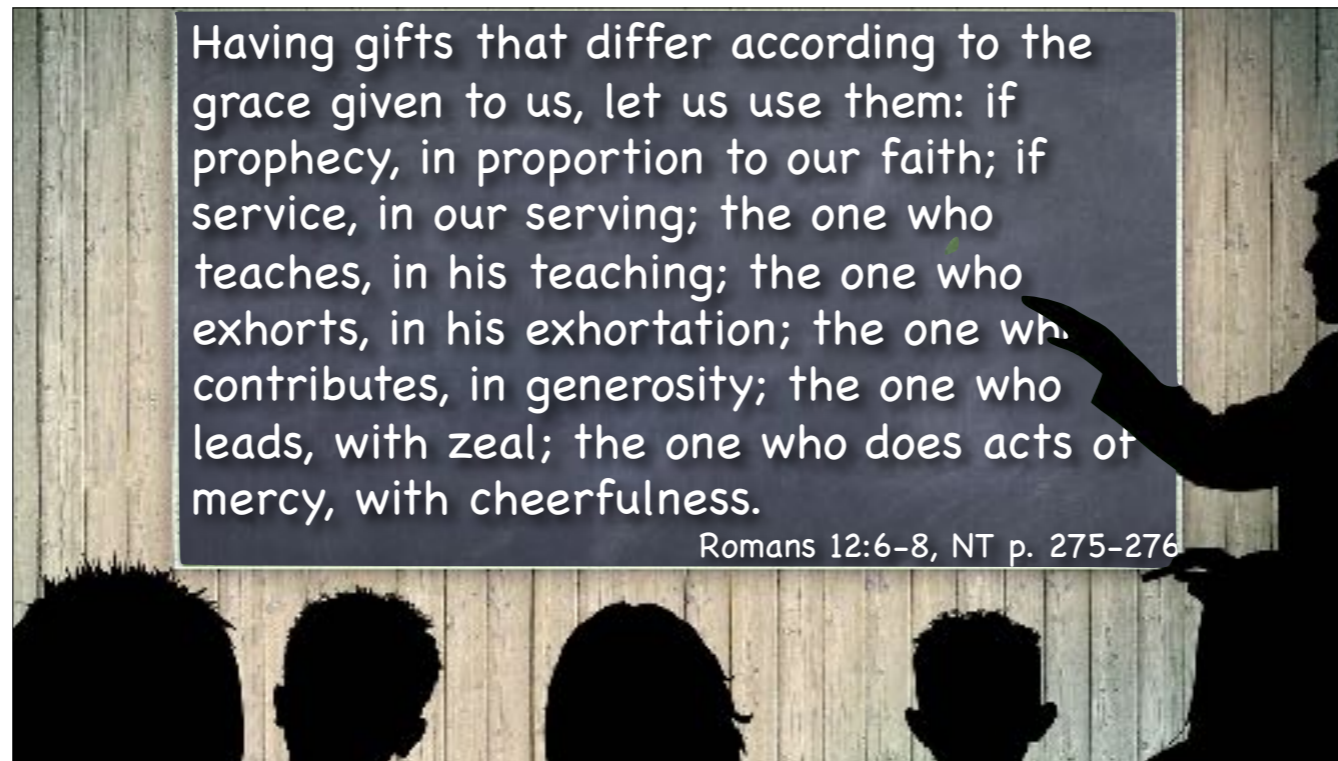
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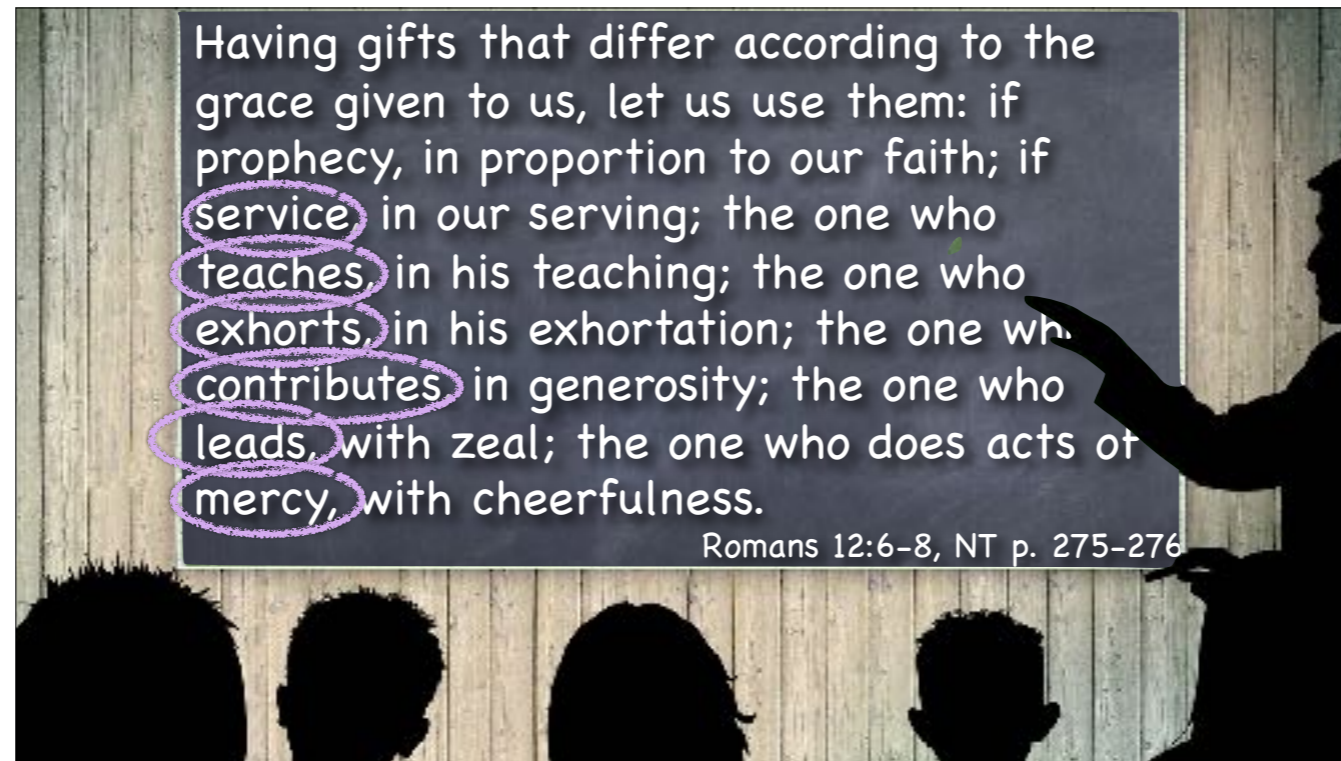
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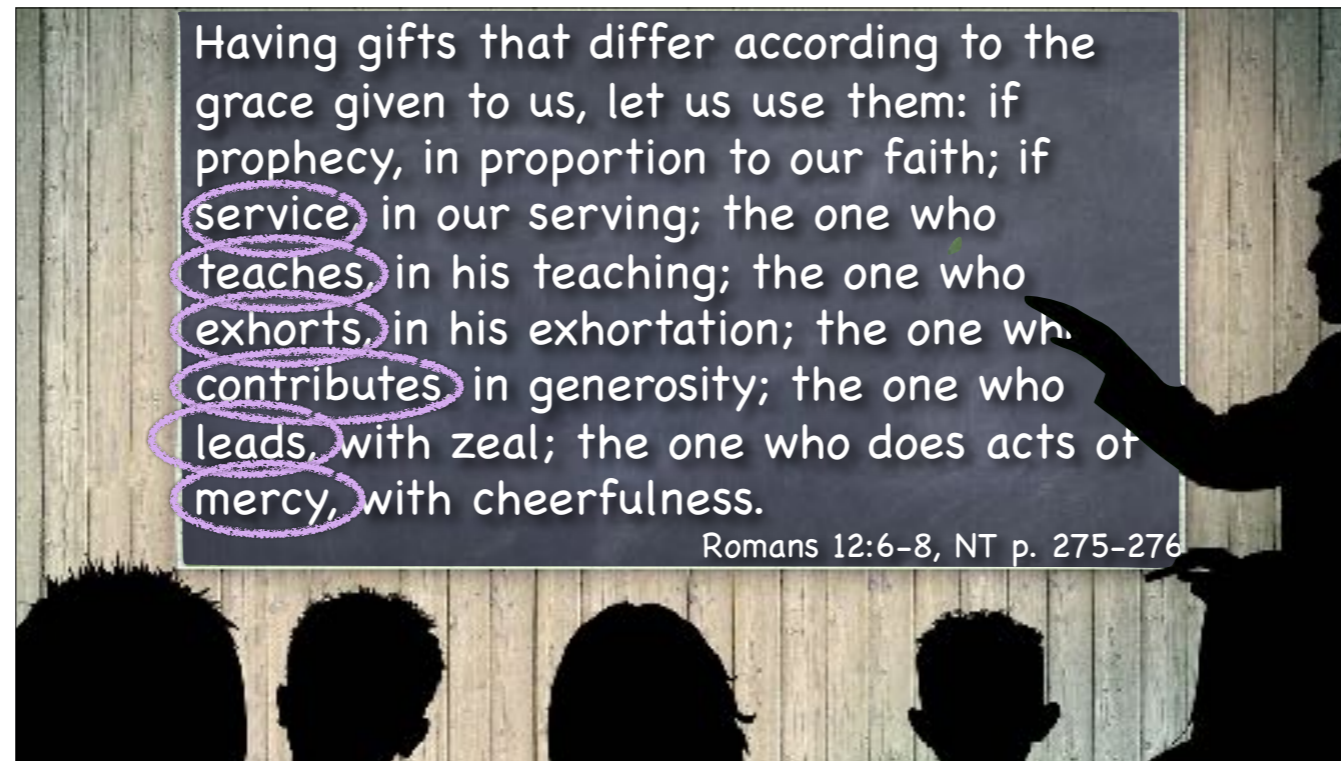
- Teachers....
 - Tend to think of as teachers of the gospel (almost exclusively)
 - Much more.
 - Maturity in gifts... and teaching others.
- Romans 12:6-8



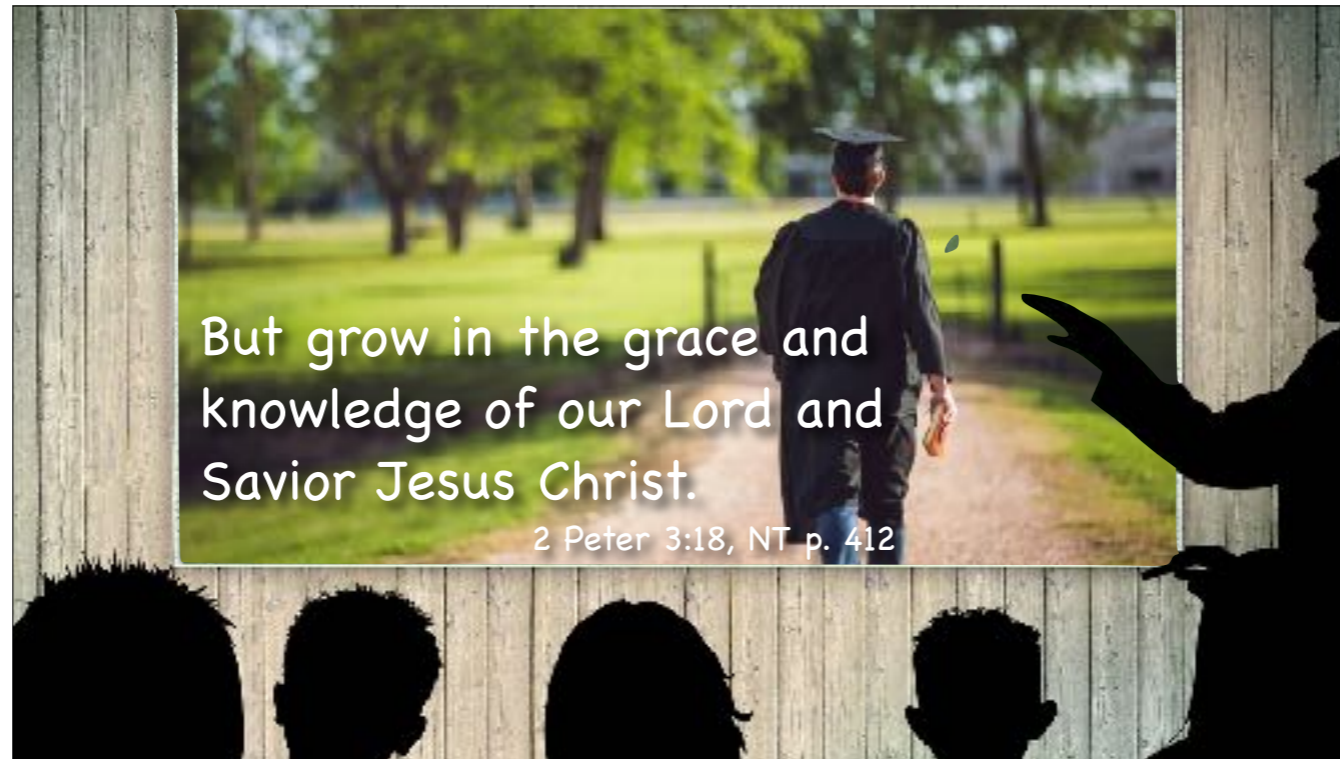
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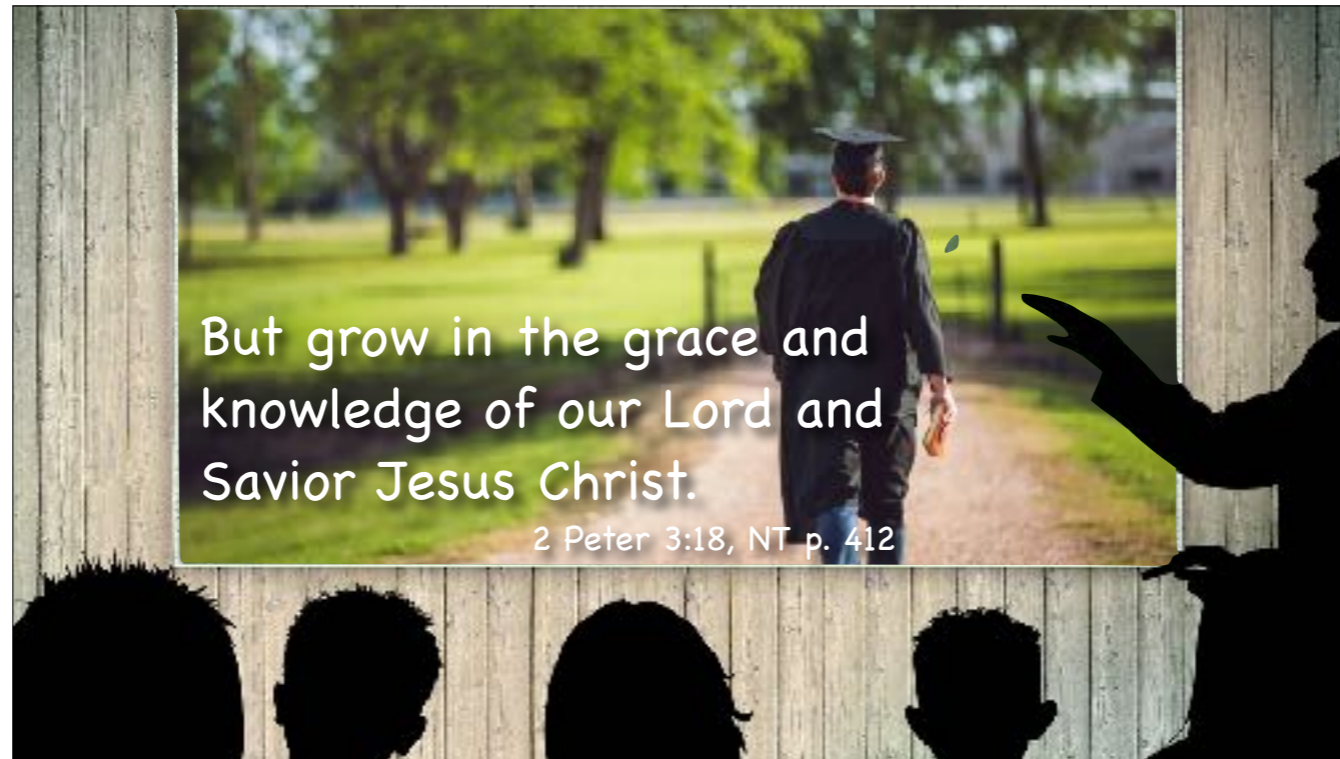
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- Know your gift and use it.
- Find a young brother or sister and help them learn what you do in Christ!



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- There are great things ahead as adults in Jesus Christ
 - Don't stay a child
 - Don't fall away
 - Mature and Rejoice

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Basic Principles

Hebrews 5:11 - 6:8

Synopsis: The Hebrew writer is concerned about the lack of growth of those he writes to and so reminds us of the fundamentals of Christianity which are vital for our growth and he encourages to grow to maturity so that we can become teachers (which doesn't necessarily equate to evangelism).

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