

wonder you have no interest! The apostle Peter emphasized the effort we need to put into the Christian life if we are to be fruitful (2 Pet. 1:5-10).

Perhaps you say you have little enthusiasm for evangelism or discipling others. Have you ever tried to speak to someone or volunteered for ministry? If not, it's time to invest some effort--then watch your interest grow! --Henry G. Bosch

*Oh, let us be faithful to Jesus,  
The faith we confessed let's renew,  
And ask Him this question each morning:  
"Lord, what will You have me to do?" --Pangborn*

**You gain interest only in what you invest.**



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### No Interest?

**If these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. --2 Peter 1:8**

At the close of a meeting where the topic was world evangelism, a young woman turned to an older believer and admitted, "I just can't get interested in missions!" "Well, dear," said the elderly woman, "it's just like getting interest in a bank. You have to put in a little something first or you'll never have any! The more you put in, the more you'll get out of it. Try it."

That philosophy is simple but true. If you lack interest in something, it is probably because you have put very little into it. You say you can find no pleasure in Bible study, but have you ever sat down with a concordance and looked up the Scripture references on a given subject? Have you ever read the Psalms until you came to some promise that comforted you, and then meditated on that truth until your heart overflowed with praise? Have you ever read a book of the Bible at one sitting so you could get the sense of its message? If not, no





# Discipleship Series

## Nurturing Navals

**(Galatians 4:19)** "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,"  
**(1 Corinthians 4:14)** "I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you."  
**(1 Timothy 1:2)** "To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."



**(Philemon 1:10)** "I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,"  
**(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)** "'Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! {5} "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. {8} "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. {9} "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."  
**(1 Corinthians 3:1)** "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ."  
**(1 Peter 2:2)** "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,"

As we seek to disciple others parenting is a good analogy for us. There are three levels of spiritual parenting:

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ stage, 1 John 1:9

**(Romans 6:4)** "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."  
**(Romans 8:1)** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."  
**(Galatians 5:16)** "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."  
**(Ephesians 2:10)** "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."  
**(Ephesians 4:1-2)** "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech



you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, {2} with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,"  
**(Luke 9:23-24)** "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. {24} "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."  
**(John 12:24-25)** "'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. {25} "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."  
**(Ephesians 6:1)** "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."  
**(Ephesians 6:4)** "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ stage, 1 Jn 2:1, 4:4, 5:21, 2:28, 3:7, 18



**(James 3:16)** "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."  
**(1 Corinthians 14:40)** "Let all things be done decently and in order."

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ stage, 1 John 2:13, 14

**(Matthew 28:18-20)** "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. {19} "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

