

**CREATED TO BE  
LIKE CHRIST**

**THE IMAGE OF CHRIST  
CHILDREN OF GOD  
CITIZENS OF HEAVEN  
DISCIPLESHIP**

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YOU ARE ADOPTED  
INTO GOD'S FAMILY

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**Target in Life: to measure up to the full and complete standard of Christ**  
This doesn't happen by our own ability, our own goodness — but through the empowering of God's Holy Spirit indwelling in us,

## STRENGTHENING YOUR MIND

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6. Selfishness (immature thinking)

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<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

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for from it flow the springs of life.  
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<sup>7</sup>So humble yourselves before God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
James 4:7

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**In KNOWING God's Word  
In LIVING God's Word**

It's never too late to start growing. You're never too old.  
Humility, not being proud, being open to God's teaching.  
So many of us want to speak, but there's so much to learn, to experience, to develop.

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