



Lessons Chris Learned:

1. God can use you.
2. God wants to use you.
3. God will use you in the lives of other men.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

*Hebrews 5:12-14*

## Learners are Made to Become Teachers

Hebrews 5:12-14

1. Spiritual maturation is as natural as physical development.
2. Some believers remain spiritually stunted.
3. Spiritual teachers practice righteousness until it becomes second nature.

Development is a natural process.



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The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

II Timothy 2:2

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*I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.*  
I John. 2:12-14

## Learners are Made to Become Teachers (1 Jn 2:12-14)

Development Phase	Focus	Highlight
<i>Little Children:</i>	<i>Beginning steps</i>	<i>Forgiven and knows the Father</i>
<i>Young Men:</i>	<i>Developing vigor</i>	<i>Strength, overcoming the evil one, The Word of God abides in them.</i>
<i>Father</i>	<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Knows God over time</i>

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Three ways Scriptures help us grow

1. A map to the "minefield" of life.

KEY: One of the keys of thriving is surviving! The Scriptures protect us from the illness of sin, and the traps of the enemy.

2. A window whereby we behold our beloved God.

KEY: "But the people who know their God will display strength and take action. (Daniel 11:32).

2. A primer on loving God and man.

KEY: "Engaging with the Scriptures will teach us how to love with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind and our neighbor as ourselves.

The key to change is the renewal of our minds. As our minds are renewed, God equips us to help others in the renewal process.

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II. Some believers remain spiritually stunted.

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1. Lack of commitment to know God through the Scriptures.
2. Still living with a self focused orientation which results in a lack of desire for spiritual reproduction- a lack of love for our neighbor.
3. Clinging to sin, rather than living in repentance and clinging to God.
3. Failing to embrace forgiveness, and enjoying God's wondrous cleansing.
4. Allowing the cares of this world to distract us from God's mission for our lives.
5. Fear of man, rather than a healthy fear of God.
6. Complacency in the things of God rather than total dedication, like Jesus dedicated Himself to us.

Lessons we all need to learn:

1. God can use you.
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Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 7:37-38

God's plan for you is not simply to be filled, but to overflow spiritual life into the lives of others.

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Men's Retreat March 27-28<sup>th</sup>



Camp Tuk-a-way.  
"Impacting Men's Lives"  
Sign-up begins next Sunday.

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Performing a left pitch roll out over Randolph, TX

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Actual in-flight training begins.

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Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

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Let's pray.