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*Walt, are you growing?*

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### The Aim of the Church (vs. 12b-13)

- *Building + body* i.e. spiritual body-building!
- Attaining spiritual maturity (see Phil 3:10-11)
- The measure: Christ-likeness (WWJD, WWJB)
  - Unity of “the faith” (what we believe – Jude 3)
  - Knowledge of the Son (Phil 3:10)
  - Mature manhood – a robust spiritual grown-up!

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- The immature are ‘at risk’
  - Unstable (fickle and easily distracted)
  - Naïve (easily manipulated)

See Acts 20:29; Matt 17:5; II Cor 4:2
- Spiritual immaturity: a developmental problem. God’s solution: grow up in Christ.

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### **Growing Into & From of Our Head (vs. 15b-16)**

- Dynamic interplay: individual-group-God
- Beautiful image: we grow up into our head!
- Growth comes from Him (I Cor 3:6; Col 2:19)

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