

STRIKE THE ORIGINAL MATCH

WHAT TO DO WITH AN EMPTY NEST

HEBREWS 5:7–6:1



The Heart of the Matter

The last stage of marriage is that period of time when the nest is empty—either empty of the children or of one of the mates . . . or both. This is a critical stage in the home. All sorts of strange and unpredictable feelings transpire, and we find ourselves in need of stabilizing thoughts and direction. God gives that to us in this passage from Hebrews. Though it was not originally written regarding marriage, it has practical overtones that perfectly apply to the domestic scene: *pursue spiritual maturity.*



Discovering the Way

1. Introduction: Stages in Every Marriage

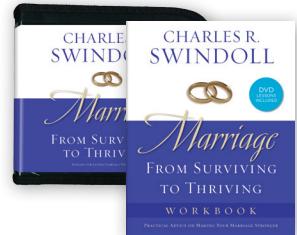
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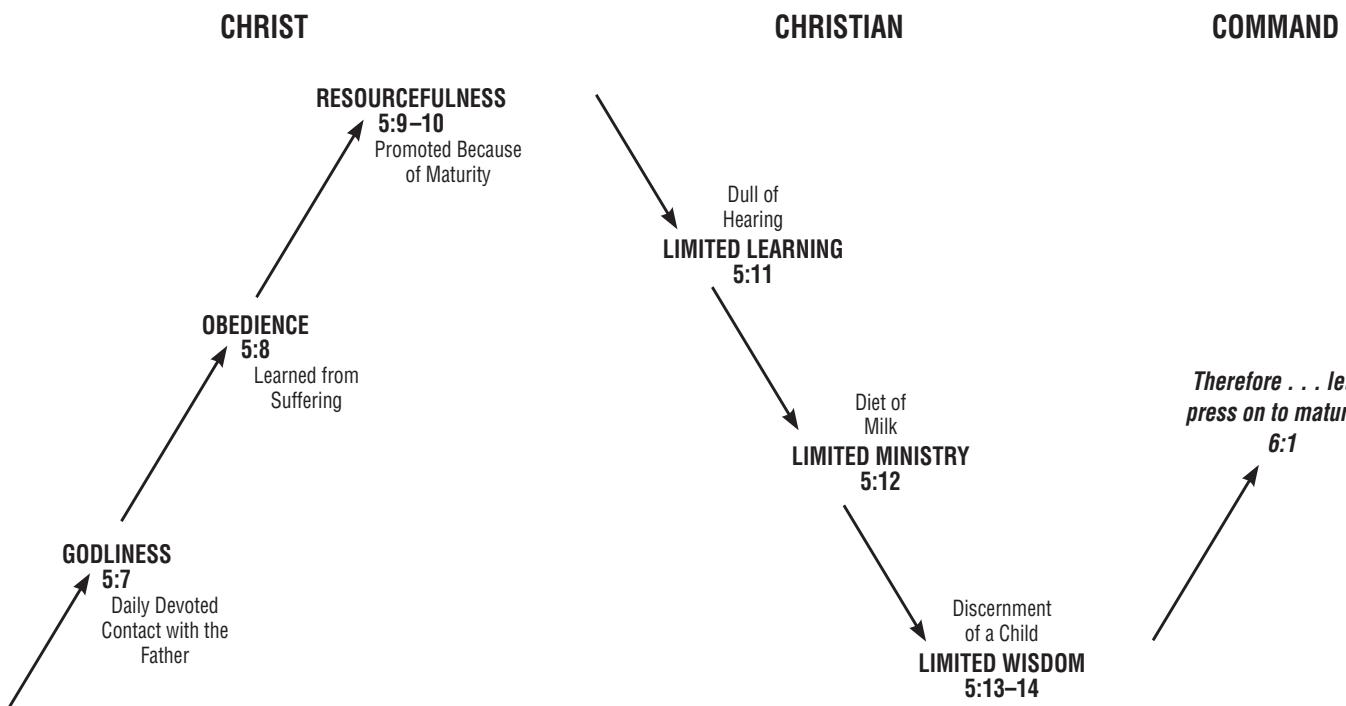


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