

Spiritual Maturity



3 kinds of people identified

- **The natural person**
- **Spiritual people**
- **People of the flesh**

The tragedy of no growth

- Even **NOW** you are not ready
- You are **STILL** in the flesh

Infants



Children



Young men



Fathers

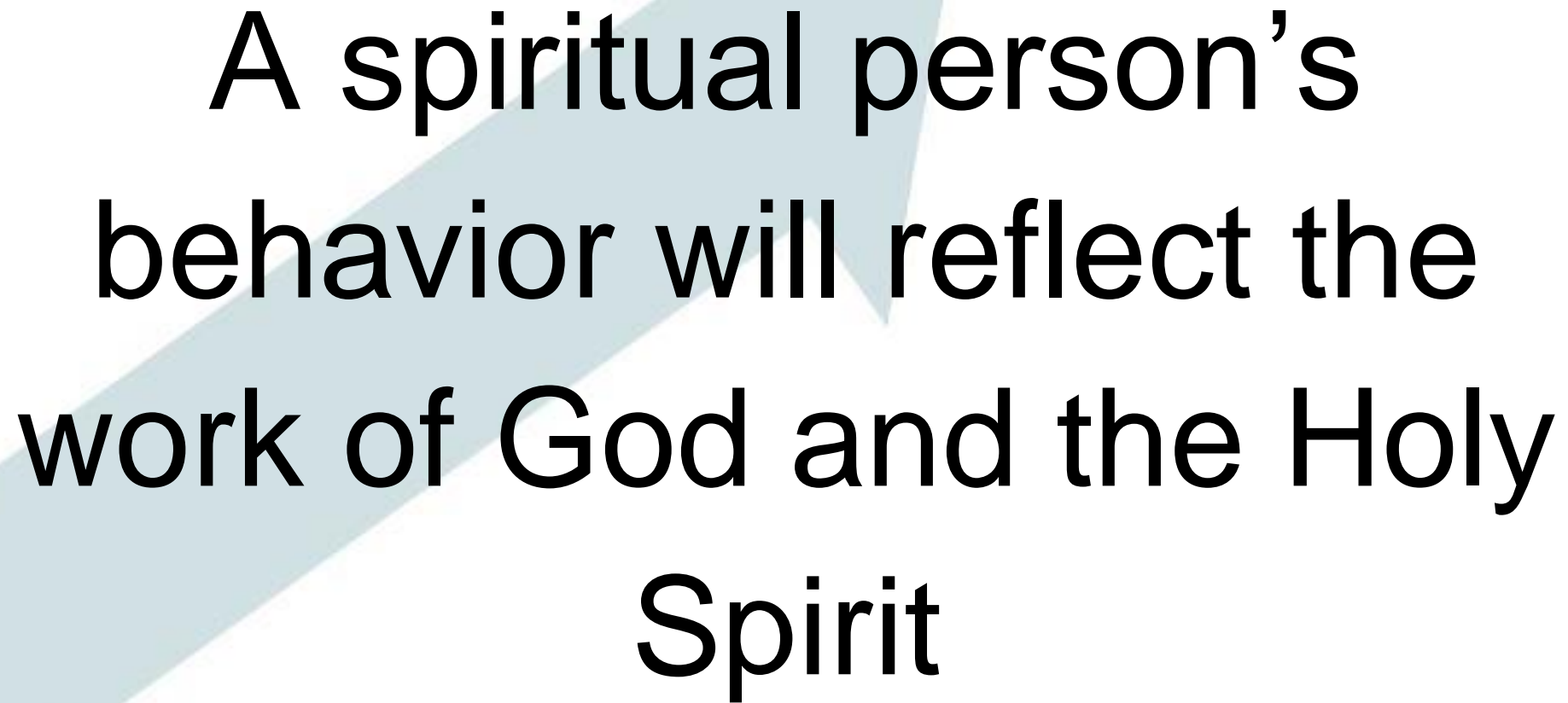


1 John 2:12-14

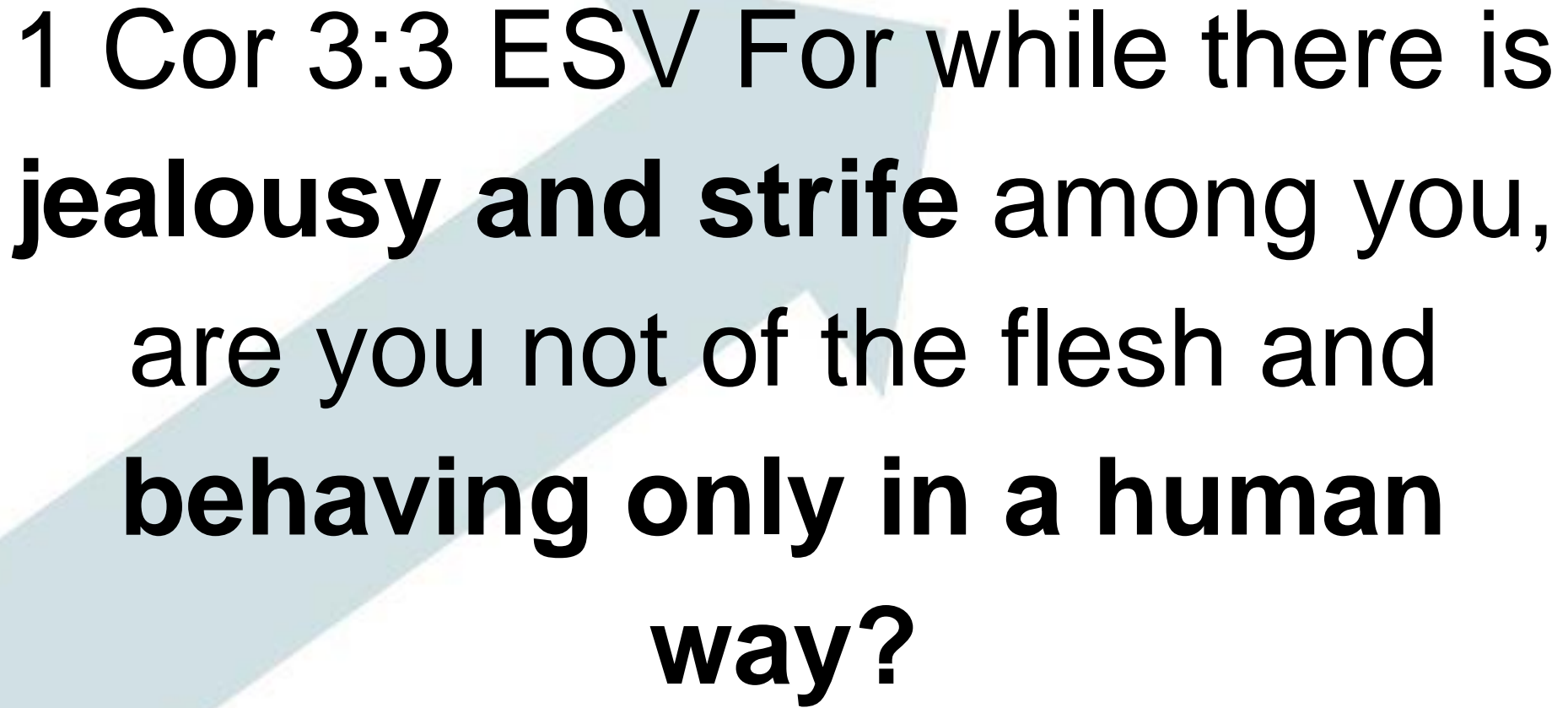
I am writing to you, *little children*, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, *fathers*, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, *young men*, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, *children*, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, *fathers*, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, *young men*, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

What is maturity?

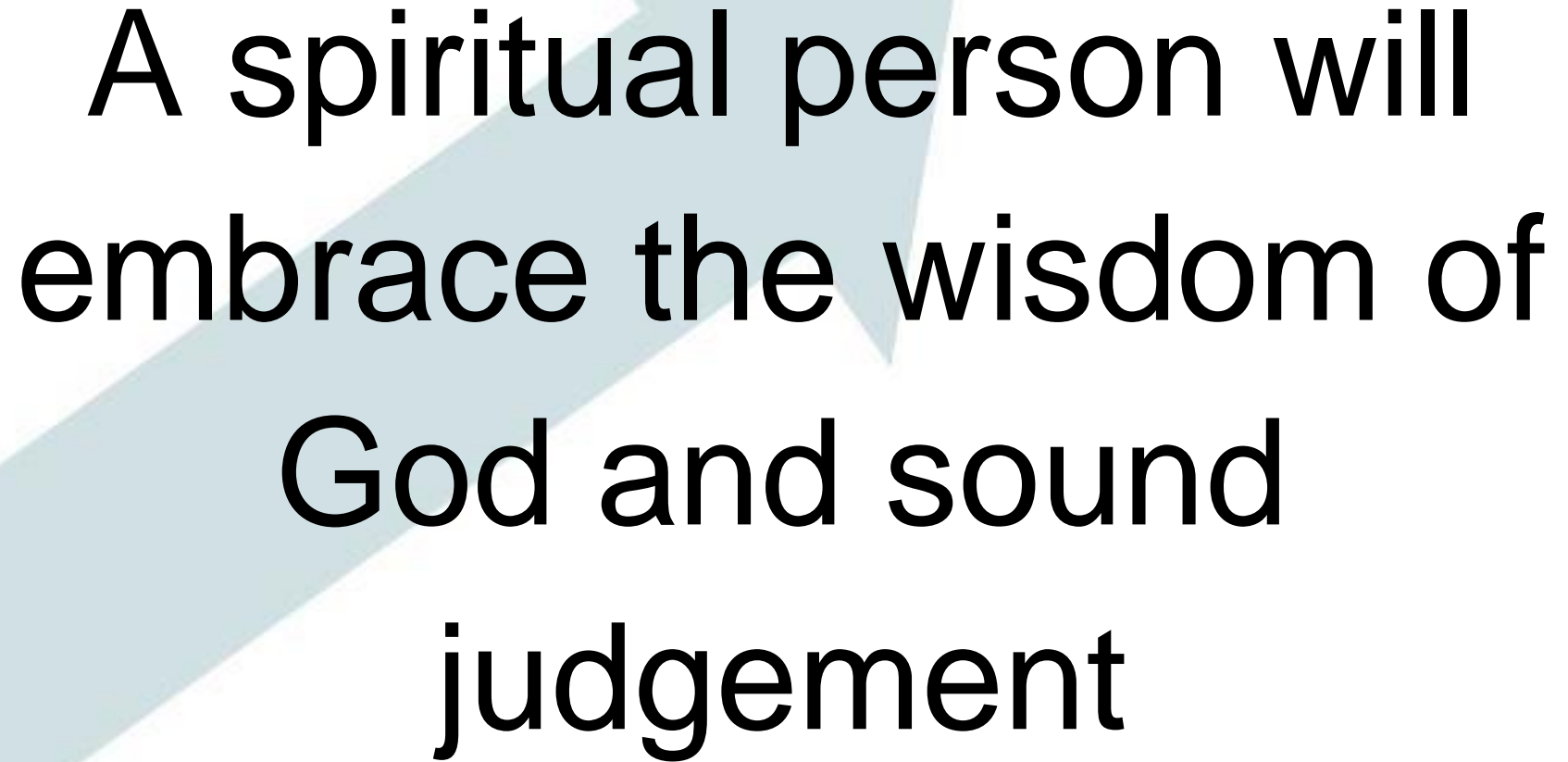
The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph 4:13)



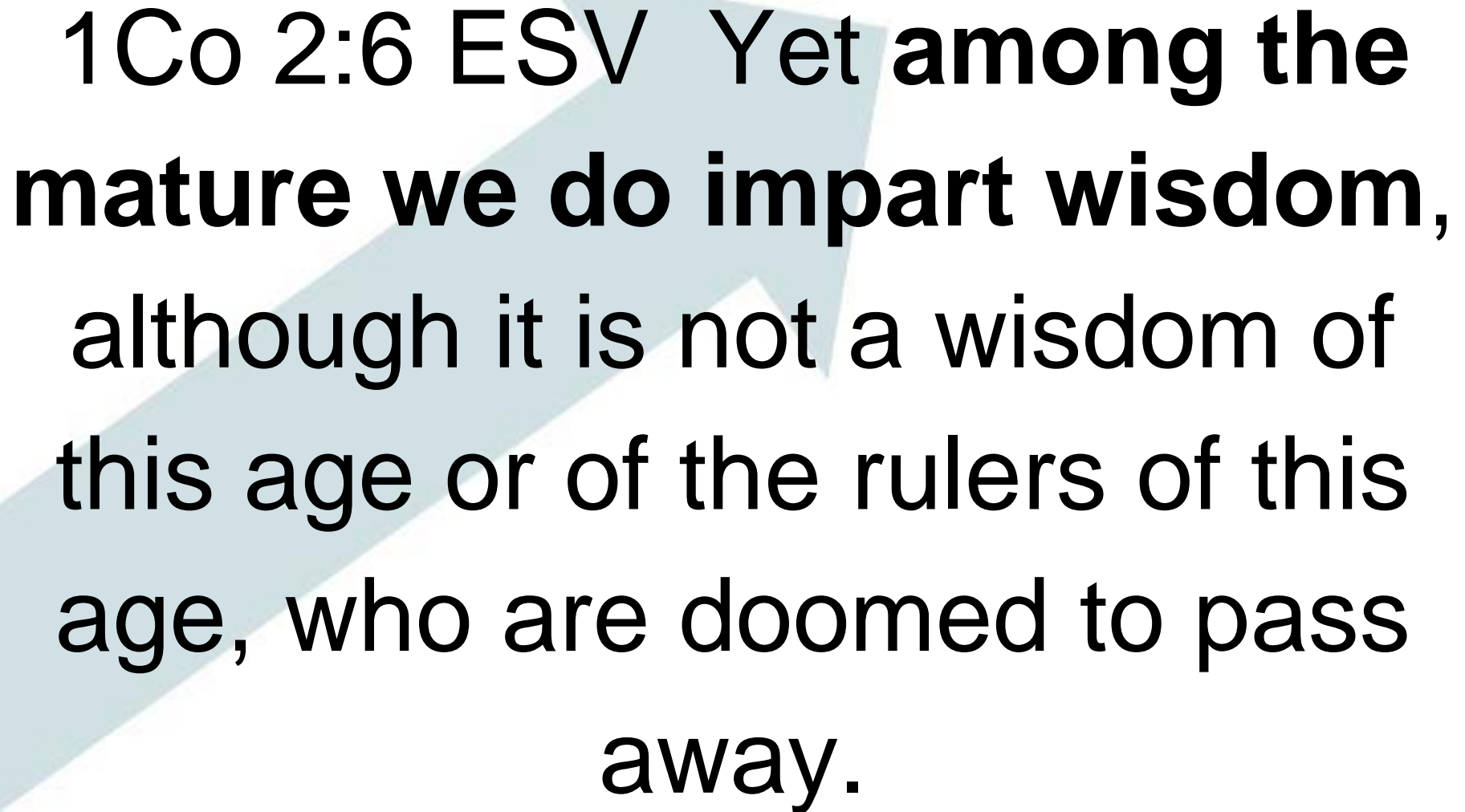
A spiritual person's
behavior will reflect the
work of God and the Holy
Spirit



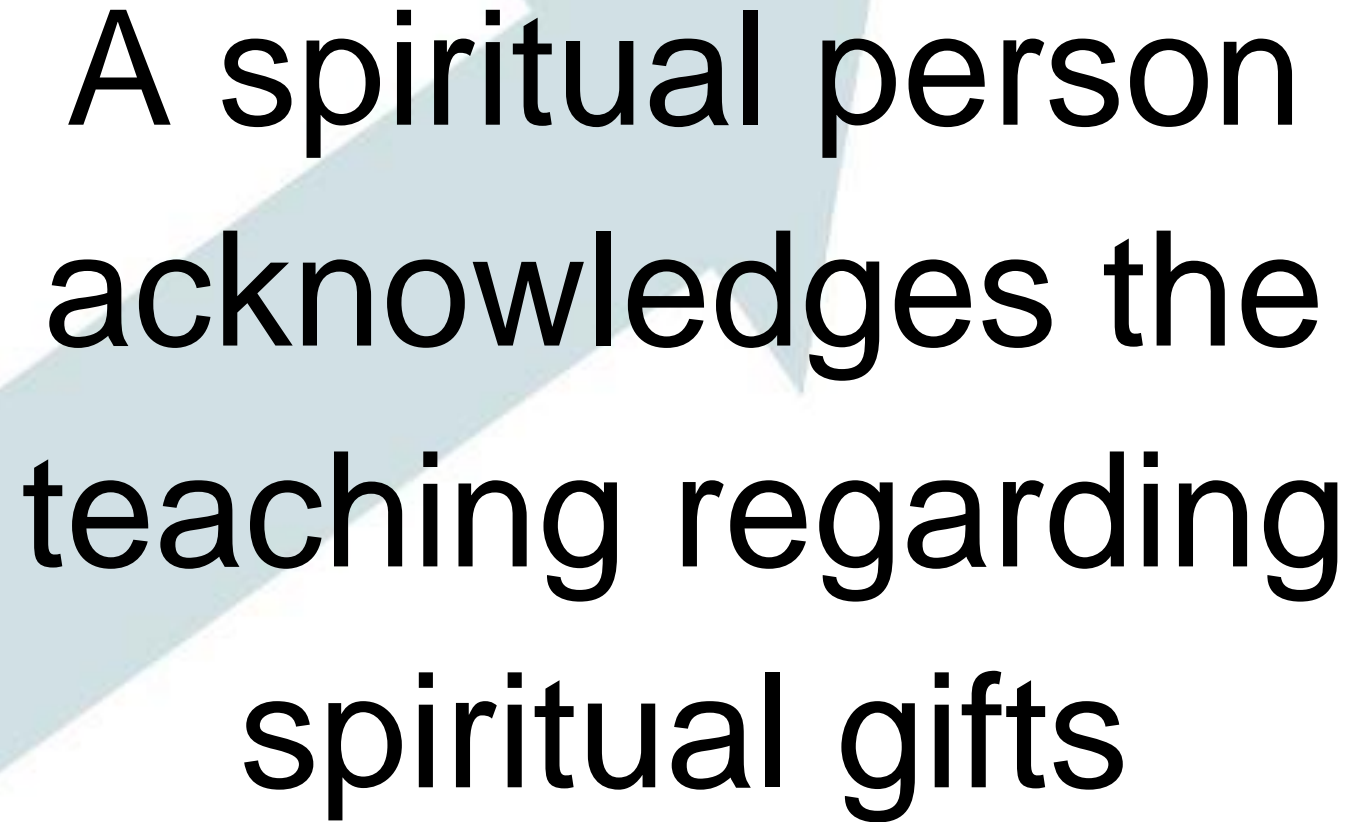
1 Cor 3:3 ESV For while there is
jealousy and strife among you,
are you not of the flesh and
**behaving only in a human
way?**



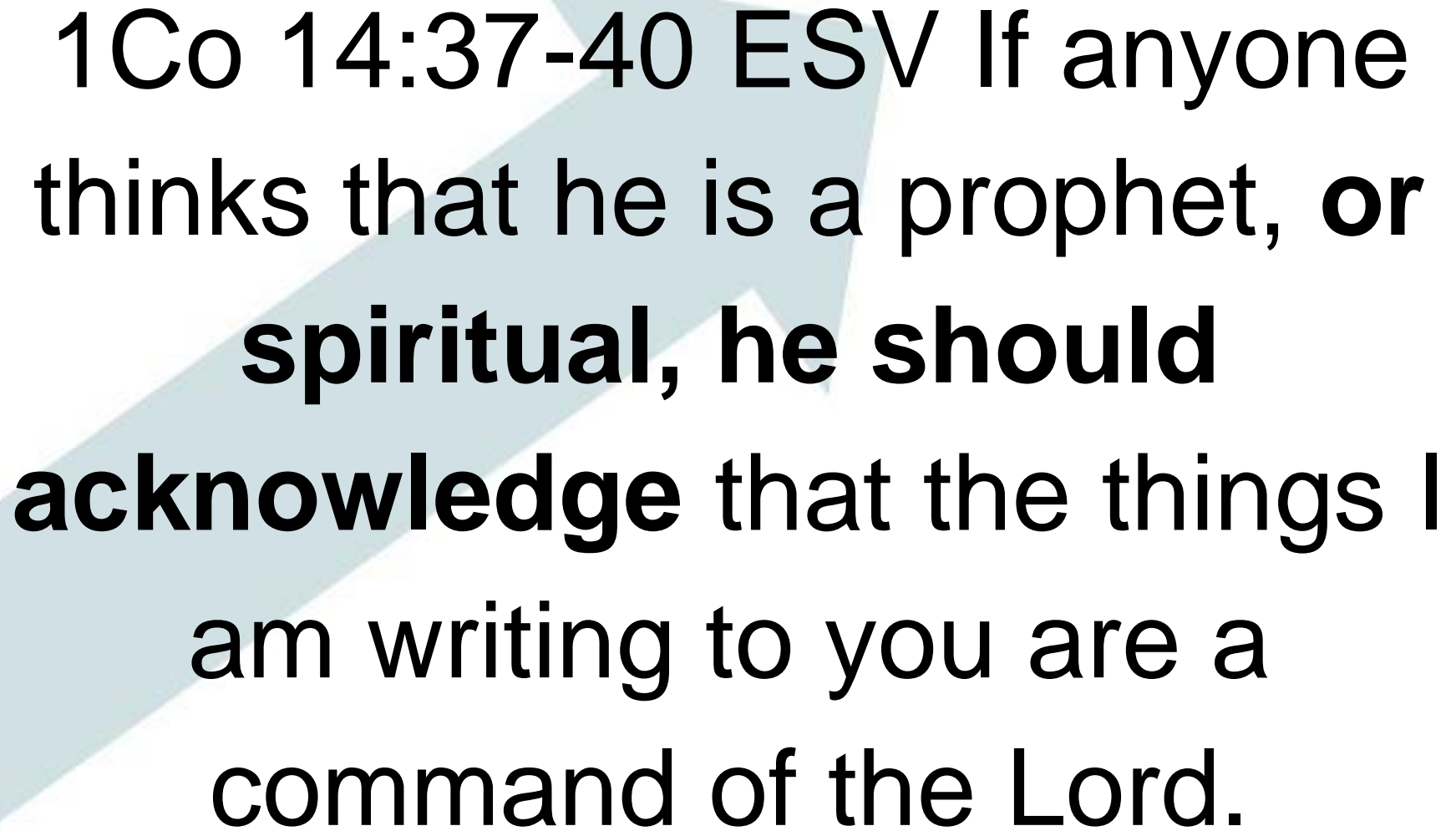
A spiritual person will
embrace the wisdom of
God and sound
judgement



1Co 2:6 ESV Yet among the
mature we do impart wisdom,
although it is not a wisdom of
this age or of the rulers of this
age, who are doomed to pass
away.



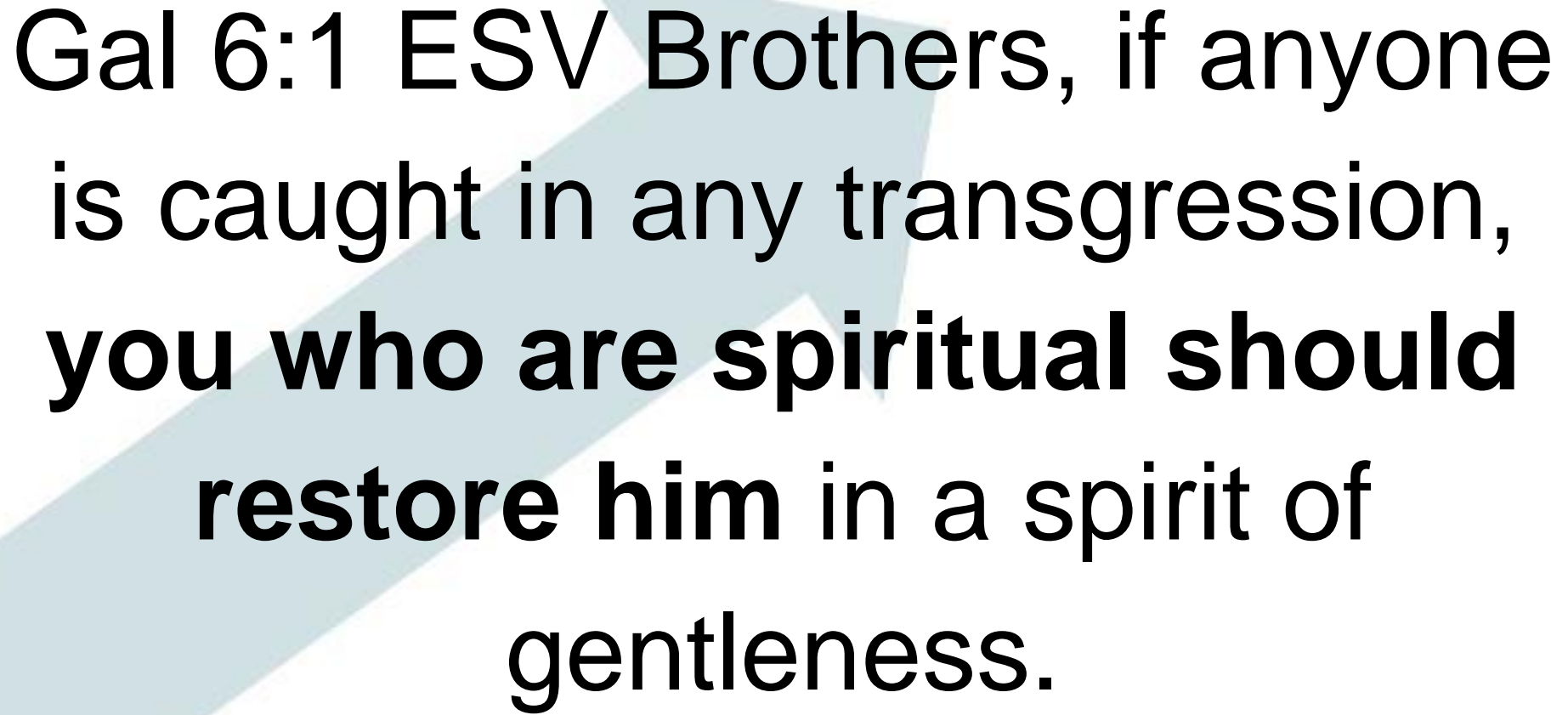
A spiritual person
acknowledges the
teaching regarding
spiritual gifts



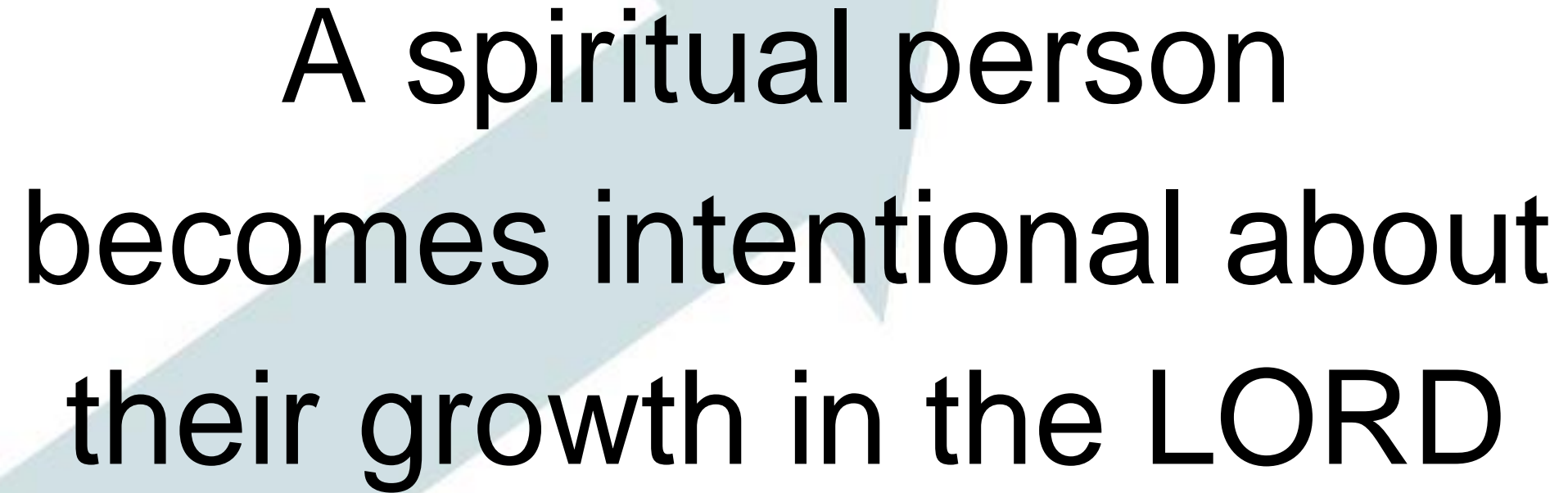
1Co 14:37-40 ESV If anyone
thinks that he is a prophet, **or**
spiritual, he should
acknowledge that the things I
am writing to you are a
command of the Lord.



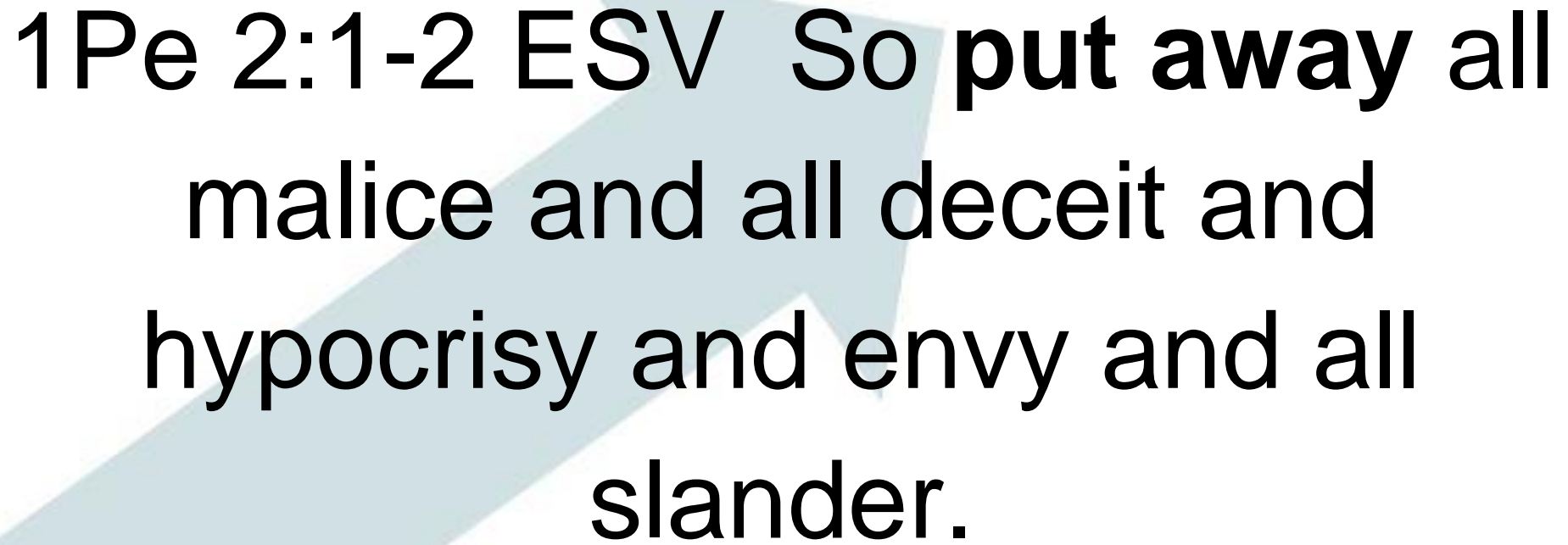
A spiritual person has
concern about the spiritual
well-being of others



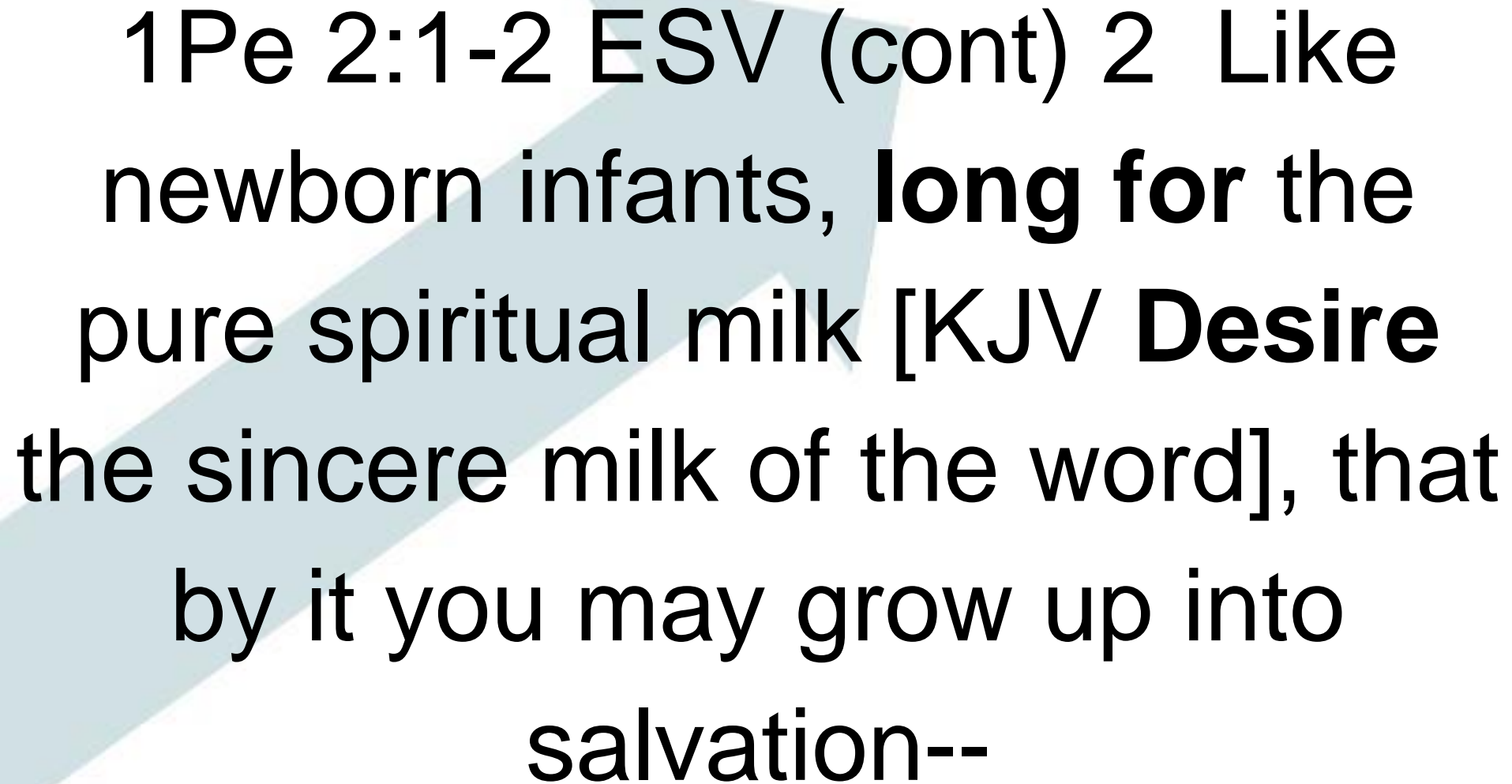
Gal 6:1 ESV Brothers, if anyone
is caught in any transgression,
**you who are spiritual should
restore him in a spirit of
gentleness.**



A spiritual person
becomes intentional about
their growth in the LORD



1Pe 2:1-2 ESV So **put away** all
malice and all deceit and
hypocrisy and envy and all
slander.



1Pe 2:1-2 ESV (cont) 2 Like
newborn infants, **long for the**
pure spiritual milk [KJV **Desire**
the sincere milk of the word], that
by it you may grow up into
salvation--

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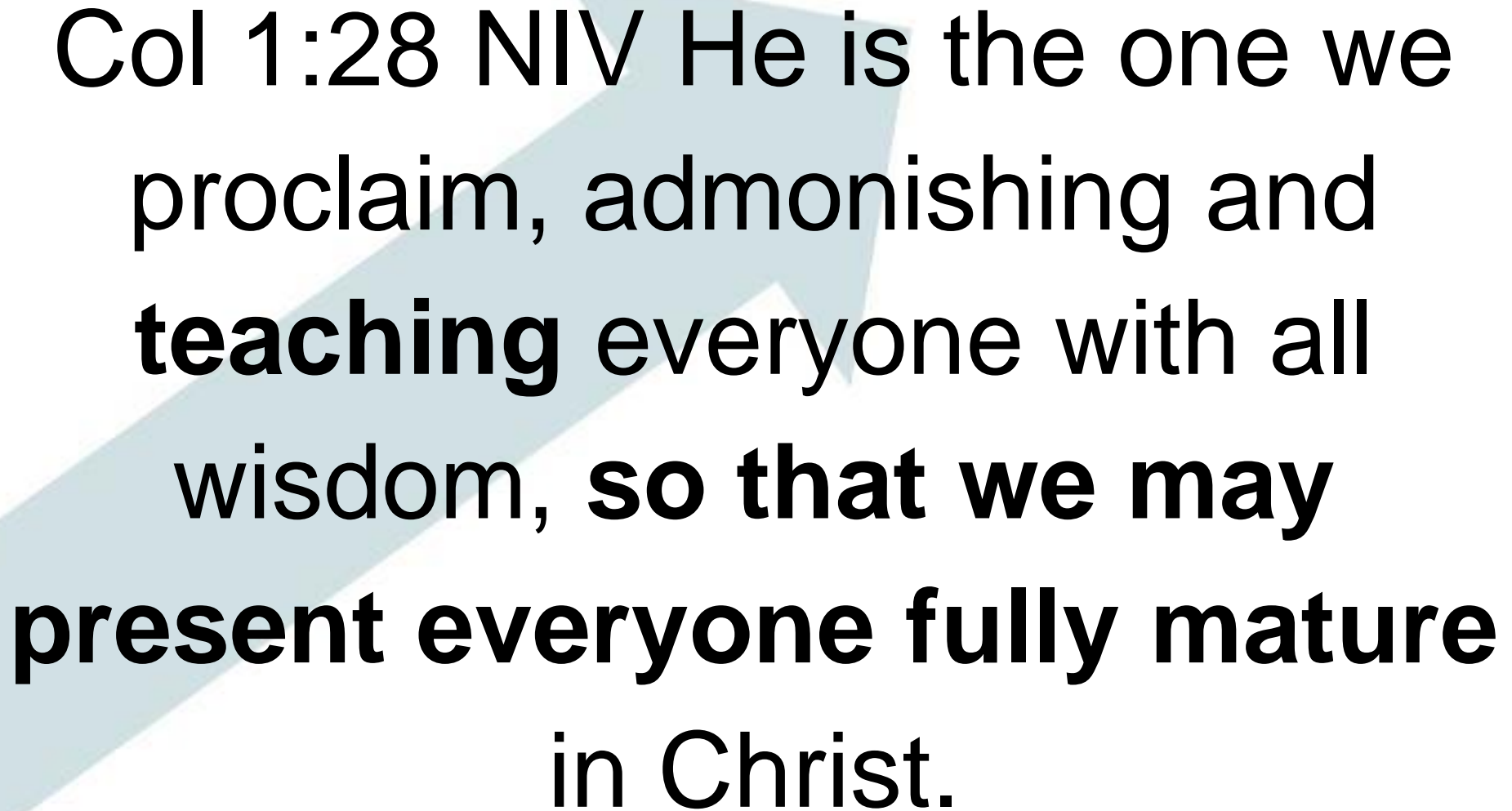
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Natural growth to maturity JUST HAPPENS
Spiritual maturity has some intentionality to it



Col 1:28 NIV He is the one we
proclaim, admonishing and
teaching everyone with all
wisdom, **so that we may**
present everyone fully mature
in Christ.

Col 4:12 ESV Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his **prayers, that you may stand mature** and fully assured in all the will of God.

