The Spiritual Walk

Perhaps one of the most important metaphors in all of scripture for understanding the entire spiritual life:

Your *whole life* was given from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity

1. Spiritual Maturity:

a. **The Christian goal:**
God life, in the spiritual life, doesn't begin until we begin to get some spiritual maturity under our belt.
The goal in raising children is that they might come to maturity and be treated and act as an adult. The same applies to the spiritual life.
So many believers on little more than to be happy, with the fact that they are going to go to heaven, and have no concept of what it means to grow in **spiritual maturity**, so that they can be used of God in the ministry of the Lord. Many believers have never been given a lot living the spiritual life.
Much how to recognize the physical signs of advancing in the spiritual life today, is to simple somebody to reign with Christ during his millennial kingdom. It's so unfortunate that some people don't learn this so-called fundamental principle.

b. Christians are told to **walk**.

The metaphor **"walk by means of the Spirit"** & the doctrine of **Sanctification**.

The spiritual life for the church-age believer is a supernatural way of life, and demands a supernatural means of executing that spiritual life.

Galatians 5:16 (NASB)
16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

walk by the Spirit
walk by the power of the Holy Spirit
walk by the ministry of the Holy Spirit

Walk (peripateo) - to walk, to live, to conduct one's life, to walk about, to walk around, to walk about in, to walk about among, to walk about with, to walk about, to walk around, to walk around in, to walk around among, to walk around with, to walk around, to walk around in, to walk around among, to walk around with, to walk around, to walk around in, to walk around among, to walk around with