



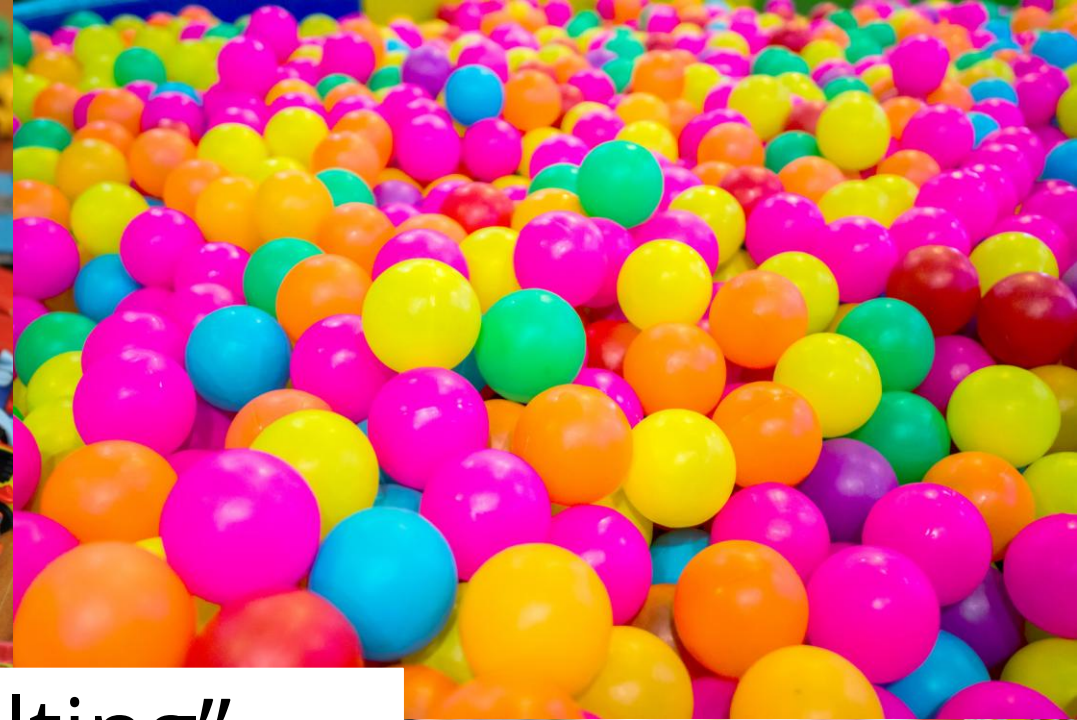
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THE WAY OF LIFE

Spiritual Growth
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“Kidulting”





... that the body of Christ may be built up until **we all** reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

- EPHESIANS 4:12-13



1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-17

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.

² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.



³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? ⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task.



⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.



⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.



¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.



¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

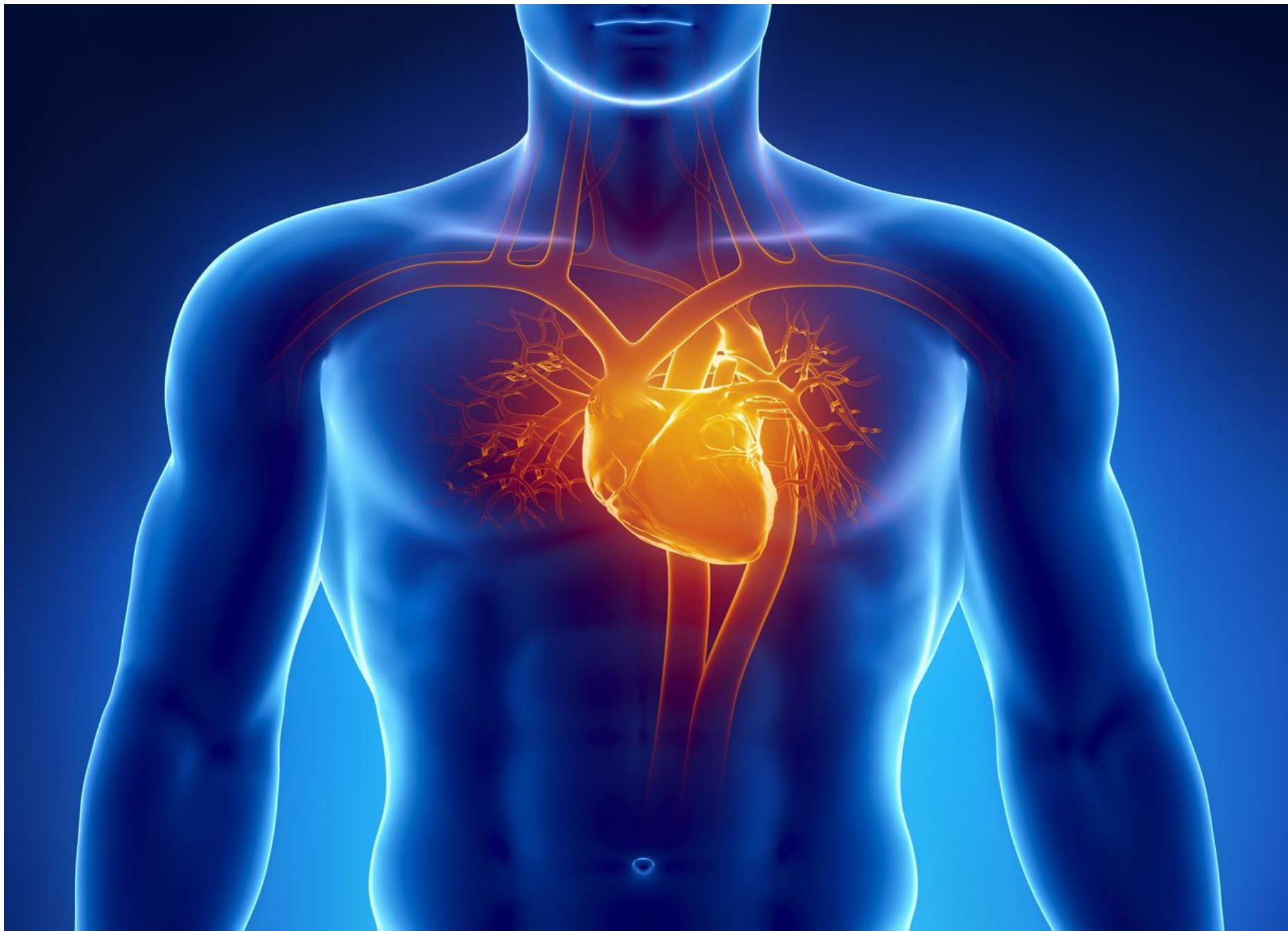


Anthropology – Babies grow

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3





So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

- GALATIANS 5:16-18





God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, **who by constant use** have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

- HEBREWS 5:13-14



Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. [Grace] does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone.

- DALLAS WILLARD
The Great Omission



Agriculture – Fields Fruit

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-9





Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- MARK 10:43-45





Architecture – Buildings Stand

[You are] God's building... no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ... Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9, 11, 16-17



The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.

- DR MARTIN LLOYD-JONES



I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

- MATTHEW 16:18





