

On To Maturity 01

Where Are We Headed?

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Hebrews 5:11–6:1

5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since **you have become dull of hearing**. 5:12 For though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again **the basic principles of the oracles of God**. You need **milk**, not **solid food**, 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, since he is a child. 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their **powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil**. 6:1 Therefore **let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,...(ESV)

1 Dull of Hearing (5:11)

“Slow to learn” or “lazy in learning” or “too lazy to understand”

2 By this time you ought to be teachers...(5:12)

The Expectation: Mature enough to guide others.

“The author’s claim that they should “by this time” be teachers does not mean that they should have assumed official positions in the church. It is, rather, a way of castigating his listeners for remaining at an elementary stage in their spiritual journey. The first-century Roman philosopher Seneca, for instance, criticizes people who never progress in their own understanding: “How long will you be a learner? From now on be a teacher as well!” (Epistles 33.9).

[Douglas J. Moo, *Hebrews*, 174]

3 The Basic Principles of the Oracles of God (5:12)

The “A-B-Cs” of God’s Revelation - The Basic, Foundational Truths

4 Milk vs. Solid Food / Child vs. Mature (5:12-14)

Child = Baby who is not weaned

Both Paul (1 Cor 3:2) and Peter (1 Pet 2:2) use this same imagery.

5 Unskilled in the Word of Righteousness (5:13)

Hebrews 1:1–2

1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

6 Powers of Discernment Trained -> Good Vs. Evil (5:14)

7 Leave the Elementary, Go on to Maturity (6:1)