

# "Let's Go On for the Glory of God"

Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1

The writer of Hebrews is concerned about spiritual maturity in the life of God's people.

God intends for baby Christians to mature.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:18, Peter instructs us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The writer of Hebrews describes the condition of spiritual immaturity and then he prescribes the solution and tells us how to get beyond spiritual babyhood in our lives as believers.

Notice 3 things:

## I. Conditions of Spiritual Immaturity. v 11

Phrase "dull of hearing" means sluggish in your ears.

They had no \_\_\_\_\_ to go on.

Seen 100's of people get saved, their excited about the things..... They can't get enough of..... But somewhere along the way they get this dull of hearing \_\_\_\_\_.

If we're not careful this can happen to ..... little by little we become uninterested in going forward in our spiritual maturity.

## II. Consequences of Spiritual Immaturity.

4 things we'll experience:

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ days. v 12

The writer of Hebrews is telling these Jewish Christians that they've been believers in Jesus Christ long enough they ought to be.....

The reason they were not growing was that they were not using the \_\_\_\_\_ God had given them to grow in Christ.

The time had gone by and instead of going forward they \_\_\_\_\_ !

3 stages in the Christian life:

Stage 1 -- where we're \_\_\_\_\_ upon others to feed us !

That's normal and true for all of us.

Stage 2 -- where we \_\_\_\_\_ to feed ourselves.

Stage 3 -- where we're able to feed \_\_\_\_\_.

The writer of Hebrews says the problem with these Jewish believers in Hebrews 5 is when they ought to be.....

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine. v 12

"1<sup>st</sup> principles of the oracles of God." Key word \_\_\_\_\_ !

These Jewish people had already been taught these principles once, yet they had not \_\_\_\_\_ or learned the teachings.

The 1<sup>st</sup> principles of the..... ABC's again.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ diet. v 12 milk and not solid food

They're still drinking the milk of the ABC's of God's Word and have never.....

4. \_\_\_\_\_ development. v 13

Spiritual babyhood is natural, but it's unnatural for someone who's been a Christian for years to still be acting like a baby.

Key thought:

It's unnatural to \_\_\_\_\_ in a babyhood condition for all our Christian lives.

III. Characteristics of a growing & maturing believer in Christ.

In over 50 years in the ministry I've met 6 kinds of Christians.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 24:12 "last days the love of many will wax cold."

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 4:23 "keep thy heart with diligence."

C. \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2 & 3

Paul mentions the: \_\_\_\_\_ man (lost) \_\_\_\_\_ man (saved but living in the flesh)  
\_\_\_\_\_ man (saved living the Christian life in the power of God's Holy Spirit).

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Jude 16 God help us

E. \_\_\_\_\_ That's our goal for God's glory !

Thank God for those Christians who are growing in maturity  
you will know them by their !

Compassion that \_\_\_\_\_. John 13:35

Comprehension that \_\_\_\_\_. Heb. 6:1

Character that \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 5:16

Commitment that \_\_\_\_\_.

7 ways:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will bother us. Romans 7:23-25

2. \_\_\_\_\_ will battle us. he don't bother carnal, lukewarm Christians.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of God will boost us. Ephesians 5:18

4. \_\_\_\_\_ will build us. Acts 20:32

5. \_\_\_\_\_ will burden us. Romans 10:1; Matthew 4:19

6. \_\_\_\_\_ will benefit us. Luke 18:1

Prayer will turn \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ !

7. \_\_\_\_\_ of God will better us. Proverbs 27:17

F. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians. Matthew 7:21-23

**Do You Know That You Know ?**