

Hebrews 5:11-14 (ESV)

About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 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, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

But solid food (strong meat) is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

The Immature Christian

Hebrews 5:11-13

- **Unable to teach**
- **Unskilled in Word of Righteousness**
- **Need to learn basic oracles of God again.** (hebrews 6:1-2)
 - Repentance from dead works
 - Faith in God
 - Washing
 - Laying on of hands
 - Resurrection of the dead
 - Eternal judgment



How to stay Immature

- V. 11 dull of hearing
- 3:15 hardened heart against the word of God
- 2:1 not paying attention to the truth
- 6:12 sluggish/lazy

Your Attitude Towards God's Word Determines your Maturity



Spiritual immature people
start **drifting away** from
safety, loose their anchor
and are eventually
thrown around with
every new wind of
doctrine

Hebrews 2:1

Eph 4:14



The Mature Christian

Hebrews 5:14

- **Starts with confession of faith and rebirth**
- **Trained in distinguishing right from wrong**
- **Able to receive deeper teachings**
 - Priesthood of Christ
 - Giving and using of gifts
 - Sovereignty of God
 - Living the Christian life practically
 - etc
- **Able to teach others the Word of Righteousness**



How to grow in maturity

- **Study the Word of God**
2 Tim 3:16-17
- **Allow the Word of God to read you**
Hebrews 4:12
- **Obey the Word of God**
Psalm 119:11



Attitude towards God's Word

Psalm 19:7-11

The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart; the commandments of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true, being altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them indeed Your servant is warned; in keeping them is great reward.



Attitude towards God's Word

Nehemiah 8:5-6

5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. **6** Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

