

STOP DRINKING MILK ~ Hebrews 5:11-6:3

→Scripture Reading Heb 5:8-14 NLT

DON'T BE A BIG BABY - GROW UP! ~ Hebrews 5:11-14

[11] We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. [12] In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! [13] Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. [14] But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Signs of Spiritual Immaturity Constable

- laziness towards learning vs. 11
- inability and refusal to teach others vs. 12
- focusing only on the basics vs. 12-13
- lack of skill in applying the word vs. 14

APPLICATION

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

→One of the first symptoms of backsliding is dullness toward the Bible - Wiersbe

Do Hard Things...

- STRETCH your Mind
- Say NO to your Self
- SERVE others Humbly and Willingly

→Spiritual Maturity comes neither from isolated events nor from a great spiritual burst. It comes from a steady application of spiritual discipline. - Wiersbe

LET'S START GROWING ~ Hebrews 6:1-3

[6:1] Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, [2] instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. [3] And God permitting, we will do so.

APPLICATION

Colossians 1:28-29 (HCS) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. [29] I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.

→ **One picture** - (I will cue you)

APPLICATION

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. [13] For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

TAKE AWAY ??

Choices of Maturity Life App Notes

GOING	- OR -	DRIFTING
Teaching others		Never trying
Studying to Learn		Coasting on the basics
Self-evaluation		Self-criticism
Pursuing Unity		Promoting discord
Desiring Challenge		Desiring Entertainment
Careful study		Half-hearted efforts
Active Faith		Apathy and Laziness
Confidence and Trust		Fear and Doubt
Evaluating everything by God's Word		Evaluating everything by Feelings