

## **Hebrews 5:8-10 (NLT)**

**Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. [9] In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. [10] And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.**

## **Hebrews 5:11-12 (NLT)**

**There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. [12] You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.**

## **Hebrews 5:13-14 (NLT)**

**For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. [14] Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.**

**STOP DRINKING  
MILK !**

**Hebrews 5:11-6:3**

# Signs of Spiritual Immaturity

- **LAZINESS** towards learning
- inability & **REFUSAL** to teach others
- focusing **ONLY** on the basics
- not **APPLYING** the Word

## 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**

towards 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 bursts.

It comes from a

**STEADY APPLICATION**  
**of spiritual discipline.** ~ Wiersbe

## Colossians 1:28 (HCS)

We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, **so that we may present everyone**  
**MATURE IN CHRIST.**



## 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.**

# Choices of Maturity

**Going**

**- OR -**

**Drifting**

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**Teaching others**

**Studying to Learn**

**Self-evaluation**

**Pursuing Unity**

**Desiring Challenge**

**Never trying**

**Coasting on the basics**

**Self-criticism**

**Promoting discord**

**Desiring Entertainment**

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**Careful study**

**Active Faith**

**Confidence and Trust**

**Evaluating everything  
by God's Word**

**Half-hearted efforts**

**Apathy and Laziness**

**Fear and Doubt**

**Evaluating every-  
thing by Feelings**

# QUESTIONS

1. Drifting away, Backsliding is almost always associated with a coldness towards the Bible. **Why is that? - and - What can we do about it?**
2. How can we learn to say NO to ourselves?
3. **Why is Stretching our mind Spiritually hard for us?**
4. Why is it so hard for us to do the Hard Things required for Spiritual Growth?