

Why Maturity Matters

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.” 2 Peter 2:2 (English Standard Version)

Spiritual maturity comes only with _____ effort.

Hebrews 6: Let Us Go On To Maturity

- A. Hebrews 10:35 - Some were close to _____ away their _____ . That’s why this letter was written.
- B. The appeal for maturity:
1. 6:1-2 - The word “_____” means that which comes _____, like learning the _____.
 2. 6:3 - The desired response is to say “we _____”. But how do we get to that response?

Hebrews 5: When Christians Are Not Mature ...

A. *We become dull of hearing:*

1. 5:11 - Some of his readers had become _____ of _____.
2. Isaiah 6:9,10 - If hearts are _____, we won’t _____ and we won’t turn and be _____.
3. Matthew 13:14,15 - This prophecy is repeatedly _____.

B. *We don’t receive proper nourishment:*

1. 5:12 - They had had _____ to mature - but _____.
2. 1 Peter 2:2,3 - We should _____ to be _____!
3. 1 Corinthians 3:1-3a - But if we are still of the _____, we won’t desire _____ food.

C. *We remain spiritually underdeveloped:*

1. 5:13 - We’ll be _____ in the word of _____.
2. 2 Timothy 2:15 - Can we _____ handle the _____ of truth?
3. Ephesians 6:17 - Will our _____ be of any help if we don’t know how to _____ it?

D. *We aren’t able to distinguish good from evil:*

1. 5:14 - One still on _____ can’t _____ good from evil.
2. Isaiah 7:16 - If a _____ doesn’t develop this ability, we have a _____.
3. 1 Timothy 4:7 - Refuse _____ myths and _____ yourself for _____.

Being spiritually immature leads to lots of _____.

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