



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3 (NAS)
Topic: "Are You Maturing in the Faith?"
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- 11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.
 - 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
 - 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.
 - 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
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- 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
 - 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
 - 3 And this we will do, if God permits.

I. GROWTH

- A. Physical Growth Is Healthy
- B. Spiritual Growth Is Healthy

II. IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A CHRISTIAN AND BE SLOW IN GROWTH?

- A. Where There Is Spiritual Life There Will Be Spiritual Growth
- B. Christians Do Grow At Different Rates
- C. Other Interests Impede Growth
- D. There Must Be A Readiness To Hear *Ephesians 4:14-15; Matthew 5:6*

III. GROWTH IMPLIES MOVING ON

- A. You Must Not Remain Where You Were When First Became A Christian.

- B. You Ought To Be Teachers

IV. WE MUST BE MOVING ON

- A. We Must Retain The Foundation *Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 16:31*
- B. We Must Build On It
- C. We Must Press On To Maturity *John 15:5*

APPLICATION:

1. Practice Is Necessary *1 Timothy 4:7*
2. Obeying The Truth Is Necessary
3. Move Forward In Prayer And Reading God's Word