

# Moving on to Maturity

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Hebrews 5:11-6:12 | Anchored: The Book of Hebrews

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- The concern and characteristics of spiritual immaturity (5:11-13)
  - **Sluggish ears**
  - Dependence on others for instruction
  - Still reviewing basic truths
- The command to mature in Christ and characteristics of maturity (5:14-6:3)
  - Self-feeding and teaching others
  - **Distinguishing good from evil** (“acquainted with righteousness”)
- The consequences of continued immaturity (6:4-8)
  - One may lose their way back to repentance
  - One may bring shame to Christ
  - One may cease to be useful for God’s purposes
- The confidence of maturity in Christ (6:9-12)

## How to move on to maturity

- Be diligent to hear the truth of God’s word
- Be quick to repent when confronted by God’s word
- Be imitators of those who are mature in their faith

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, summarize the message of the text
3. Share about a time your ears were sluggish or dull with regard to hearing the Word. What are some practical ways we can “sharpen” our ears and be diligent to hear the word of God?
4. What is one way in which the Lord has grown you in spiritual maturity? How did God do this?
5. It is one thing to follow Christ when he is asking us to do something consistent with our personal or cultural values or practices. But share about a time when you obeyed God in an area that required you to deny your personal or cultural sense of things and really trust the Lord.
6. Read Philippians 1:9-11. What kind of love does Paul portray for us to have? What does this love look like?
7. Share about a time when you were confused about good and evil – either you were calling something good “evil” or calling something evil “good.” How did the Lord give you discernment?
8. Who is someone you admire who you consider to be a spiritually mature person? What qualities do they possess that are worth imitating?
9. Is there something you need to rethink or repent of today? Share about it and pray for one another.
10. Spend some time praying Philippians 1:9-11 for one another and for our church.

## FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

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Review Pastor Foster’s essay on the Warning Passages of Hebrews – <https://bit.ly/warninghebrews>

Memorize Hebrews 6:19

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4, 10:1-13; Philippians 1:9-11, 2:12-13; Colossians 3:1-4

Read about how to grow spiritually – <https://bit.ly/growspiritual>

Read about solid food – <https://bit.ly/solidfoodreading>

Read “Maturity can be measured” <https://bit.ly/maturitymeasure>

Pray for spiritual growth: <https://bit.ly/spiritualgrowthprayers>

Listen to “Life Defined” [https://bit.ly/lifedefined\\_](https://bit.ly/lifedefined_)

Listen to “Song of Repentance” <https://bit.ly/Songofrepentance>

