

The Condition, the Cure, and the Caution (part 1)

1) The Diagnosis - Spiritual Immaturity (5:11—14)

a. Spiritual immaturity is a serious condition caused by negligence (11)

b. Spiritual immaturity is a serious condition resulting in ineffectiveness (12—14)

2) The _____ - _____ and _____ (6:1—3)

3) The _____ - Spiritual _____ (6:4—8)

4) The _____ - _____ because of their _____ and _____ (6:9—12)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God’s Word in order to see how this can be done.

FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGE:

1. Read Hebrews 5:11—14. What observations do you make about the text? What words or concepts still seem a little fuzzy to you? Spend some time thinking through the verses and what the author is communicating.

2. The writer accuses them of being ‘dull of hearing’ or ‘sluggish’. He uses the same word again in 6:12. How does he know they are ‘sluggish’? What indicators alert the author to them being ‘dull of hearing’? How does it relate to the high priestly ministry of the Lord Jesus and Melchizedek?

3. The writer talks about living on spiritual ‘milk.’ How does he define ‘milk’ in this context? What other words does he use to describe one who lives on ‘milk.’ How is the person living on ‘milk’ ineffective? Is it wrong to need spiritual milk? What made it wrong for the writer’s audience? (key: verse 12)

4. How does the writer describe the person who is living on ‘solid food’? What distinguishes the person who is living on ‘milk’ from the person who is living on ‘solid food’?

FOCUSING ON YOUR LIFE:

5. So, how would you describe your spiritual condition at this point in your life? Would the term ‘sluggish’ describe your heart? If so, what is the heart condition of the ‘sluggish’ person? What do you need to repent of? What needs to change in your life so that you would no longer describe yourself as ‘sluggish’?

FOCUSING ON LOVING OTHERS:

6. How can you encourage someone else with what you’ve learned and thought through today? In what way could you hold someone accountable or have them hold you accountable?

FOCUSING ON NEXT WEEK:

7. We are now in the section of Hebrews, 5:11—6:12, that people find very troubling and hard to understand. Take some time in the next few weeks and read this section a number of times and write down observations you make. What is their condition? How does he describe them both positively and negatively? What is his concern?
