

Consider Jesus: The Way to Grow Up
Hebrews 5:11 – 6:20

Symptoms of Adult Childishness: impulsivity, irresponsibility, blame, do not learn from mistakes, trouble finishing tasks, whining/pouting/pitching fits, fantasizing, meology

The Diagnosis: At Risk of Remaining Spiritually Immature – Heb 5:11 – 6:8

- The Reason: Dullness of Hearing – Heb 5:11,12
 - ...not because of inability, but unwillingness – Heb 5:12,13
 - ...more interested in getting than giving – Heb 5:12
- The Disadvantage of Ignoring what God says:
 - ...boredom – Heb 5:12,13
 - ...gullibility – Heb 5:14
 - ...fruitlessness – Heb 6:7-8
 - ...loss of focus/hope – Heb 6:19

The Remedy: Be Diligent to Press On/Grow Up – Heb 6:1,11

- Stop Rehearsing What You Already Know – Heb 6:1-2
- Trade in Your Milk for Meat/Solid Food – Heb 5:12-14
 - ...“milk”: what Christ has done for me
 - ...“solid food”: what Christ is doing in/through me
- Fully Resolve to Mine the Depths of Jesus Christ – Jo 17:3; Dan 11:32

Markers/Indicators of Those Who Are Maturing/Growing Up:

- They Become Discerners of Good and Evil – Heb 5:14
 - ...they’re not easily tricked/deceived – Jo 8:31-32
- They Will Never Fall Away – Heb 6:4-6,9,11
 - ...genuine believers who keep pressing on will never fall away – Matt 24:13
- They Will Bear Much Fruit – Heb 6:7; Jo 15:5
 - ...Jesus will increasingly find His expression through us – Ga 5:22-23
- They Will Live with Much Hope – Heb 6:11,18-19
 - ...our lives are anchored in the trustworthy, ever-solid rock of Christ – Heb 6:19