

iBelong
Week 4: Develop: To Grow Up & Go Out
Hebrews 5:12-14

1) There is an expectation for growth in the Christian life. (vs12)

*"Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity..." **Hebrews 6:1***

2) Characteristics of Spiritual Immaturity. (vs12-13)

A) Being fed milk by someone else

*"...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby." **1 Peter 2:2***

B) Knowledge without obedience

*"If you love Me, keep My commandments." **John 14:15***

3) Characteristics of Spiritual Maturity. (vs12,14)

A) Feeding yourself solid food

*"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." **James 1:21***

*"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." **Psalm 1:1-3***

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." **2 Timothy 3:16***

B) Teaching others the oracles of God

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore^[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Matthew 28:18-20

C) Discerning good and evil.