

# Title: Hebrews 5:11–6:12 — Not a Taste Tester

*Central Question:*

*How do we move from merely "tasting" the goodness of God to fully partaking, growing in maturity, and overflowing that grace to others?*

## I. Introduction and Opening Exhortation (00:00:01–00:03:30)

- A. Speaker sets tone: desire for more than a "Wednesday night" taste of God
- B. Personal honesty about not being content and the call to authenticity in preaching
- C. Challenge: If you are not fully trusting God, "try Him again"

## II. The Problem: Dullness of Hearing (00:03:30–00:07:23)

- A. Key text introduction: Hebrews 5:11–6:12
- B. Dull of hearing explained — hearing but not listening; word not penetrating the heart
- C. Milk vs. solid food metaphor: need for spiritual maturity
- D. Expectation: believers should be discipling and teaching others

## III. Call to Maturity and the Foundation (00:07:23–00:09:56)

- A. Leave the elementary principles and go on to perfection (Hebrews 6:1–2)
- B. Foundations named: repentance, faith, baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection, judgment
- C. Warning about falling away after tasting the heavenly gift (Hebrews 6:4–6)

## IV. From Tasting to Partaking (00:09:56–00:11:12)

- A. "I am not a taste tester anymore" — personal testimony about past taste testing of the world
- B. Distinction between tasting and drinking/partaking
- C. Overflow metaphor: when the cup is full it spills over to bless others

## V. The Consequence of Falling Away and God's Charge (00:11:12–00:14:26)

- A. The danger: those who tasted and then fell away are in a grave spiritual condition
- B. Call to stay with God because He is better and has rescued us from judgment and addiction
- C. Rhetorical question: Why walk away from One who loved enough to send His Son?

## VI. God's Discipline and Loving Purpose (00:14:26–00:17:10)

- A. Illustration from parenting: discipline is part of love and growth
- B. Even corrective actions are intended to bring us back into fullness
- C. Return to God is always possible; He remains faithful

## VII. Encouragement: Persuaded of Better Things (00:17:10–00:21:14)

- A. “But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you” — hope and expectation
- B. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love (Hebrews 6:10)
- C. Motivation: ministry is for God's name, not for human praise

## VIII. Perseverance and Endurance (00:21:14–00:25:53)

- A. Diligence to full assurance of hope until the end
- B. Finish the race: faith combined with patience
- C. Growth analogies: bottle → sippy cup → real cup; transition involves learning and messy progress
- D. Perfection belongs to God; allow God to refine and break you for His purposes

## IX. Invitation to Overflow and Practical Opportunity (00:25:53–00:26:11+)

- A. Opportunity to deepen relationship and let a full cup overflow to others
- B. Brief direction to close and allow God to work rather than over-speaking

### **Key Scripture for This Message**

**Hebrews 5:11–6:12 (primary); supporting references implied throughout: Hebrews chapters and general New Testament themes of repentance, perseverance, and grace.**

### *Key Takeaway*

*Stop being a taste tester. Move into full participation: receive God's goodness, be transformed, and let your overflow bless others while enduring in faith to the end.*

## Questions for Further Reflection or Group Discussion

1. When have you been content to only "taste" God's goodness? What changed?
2. In what ways is God calling you to move from milk to solid food spiritually?
3. How does the assurance that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work" shape your motivation to serve?