

Growing Up > Hebrews 5:11-6:12

5:11-14 *Immaturity and maturity.* The author wants to go deeper with his explanation of how Christ is our High Priest, yet his readers are so immature in the faith that they don't easily understand. This turns into a warning: they need to stop choosing immaturity and instead aim to grow in Christ.

6:1-8 *The dangers of immaturity.* Immaturity isn't a small problem or something to not worry about. Instead, when it is willful and intentional, it leads to rejecting Jesus.

6:9-12 *Imitating the mature.* The good news? Any who hear this warning and respond can move from immaturity to maturity in Jesus. We do this by imitating those whom the scriptures point out as faithful examples.

Background: The truths of Hebrews – especially those of Christ being our High Priest – can be difficult to understand. Many of the truths of Hebrews require us to think deeply about the big picture of the scriptures.

The Point: Rather than throwing in the towel and deciding that it isn't worth the effort to grasp, we need to see that maturity must be the aim of every Christian.

Head: Have you “settled” for an immature faith? Will you respond to this warning and seek to grow in Christ?

Heart: Will you believe that growth in Christ is worth it?

Hands: What priorities will you set to grow in Jesus? Who will you help to make progress in maturity this week?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
