



# In Need of Milk

**Hebrews 5:11-6:3**

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- The Problem Identified:
  - Repeated warnings:
    - **Hebrews 2:1; 3:1, 8, 12; 4:1, 14**
    - Building up to the *real* issue.
  - Spiritual laziness. **Hebrews 5:11**
    - *Dull* – “sluggish” (NET). “no longer try to understand” (NIV ‘11)

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- **Why The Problem Is Accurate:**
  - **Hebrews 5:12**, “For though by this time you out to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”
  - **1 Corinthians 3:2**, “I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able.”

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- **The Solution: Milk**

- **Hebrews 5:12b-14**, “you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”
- **Milk – Clear doctrinal teaching of the Bible.**  
**Hebrews 6:1-2**
- **Solid food – That which requires discernment.**

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- **The Example of Maturity:**
  - **Not all admonishing. The Hebrew writer encourages.**  
**Hebrews 6:9** “But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking this way.”
  - **Hebrews 6:11-12** - “And we desire that each of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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- Applications:
  - If I realize I have slipped into spiritual laziness, I need to repent (change course) and pursue pure milk again.
  - The Hebrew writer encouraged their readers to hold fast to Christ in order to no longer be spiritually sluggish. He gave a specific example in **Hebrews 10:23-25**.
  - Take advantage of the opportunities to grow. We all are endeavoring to grow up into the maturity that is Christ' (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).