

Moving Towards Further Understanding

Hebrews 5:14 - *Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*

Basic Doctrine Alone Will Not Help Anyone Resist The Lure Of Drifting Away From Christ

Christians Are To Be Lifelong Learners

Hebrews 6:1-3 - *So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. ² You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.*

Mature Christians Should Be Teaching New Christians The Basics

- **Being Transformed, But Not Finished.**
- **A Faith That's Curious, Not Content.**
- **A Commitment to Submission, Not Convenience.**

Philippians 3:13-14 - *No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

- 1) **Becoming Spiritually Mature Involves Dedication And Work.**
- 2) **It Can't Happen Without God's Help.**

God Enables Us To Progress As We Surrender To Him, Seize His Word, And Act On It

Hebrews 4:14-16 - *So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Romans 7:24 - *Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...*