

Hebrews

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What was holding them back?

- Fear – of the unknown/loss of the “familiar”
- Loss of “comfort”
- Thinking you know all there is to know already

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Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

“You know what you know, now it’s time to grow up and start living it”

Where are we so far?

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| 1. Where were they? | "Dull of hearing" |
| 2. What was the effect? | Spiritually stagnant |
| 3. What was needed? | A strong reminder |
| 4. Where should they be? | On a path to maturity |
| 5. How to get there? | Training and practice |

Hebrews 5:13

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Conversely:

Those who live on solid food (the mature) are skilled in the word of righteousness.

Righteousness:

“Conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action”

1 Peter 1:16

for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

You have been made holy

Colossians 3:10

and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

You must understand who you are, and wear that identity

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

This is a process; a journey

The Hobbit trailer clip

“The new birth takes but a moment; spiritual maturity takes a lifetime.”

- Hewitt