

**“Greater”
Greater than
Part 3
Series on Hebrews**



Hebrews 5:11-14

“We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil”



What steps are you taking toward solid food?

Hebrews 6:1-8 NLT

“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.

Hebrews 6:1-8 NLT

*⁴ For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit,
⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come—⁶ and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.*

Hebrews 6:1-8 NLT

⁷ When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing.

⁸ But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it."

Mature Choice	Immature Choice
<i>Teaching others</i>	<i>Just being taught</i>
<i>Developing depth of understanding</i>	<i>Ruminating on the basics</i>
<i>Self evaluation</i>	<i>Criticizing self</i>
<i>Seeking unity</i>	<i>Promoting disunity</i>
<i>Desiring spiritual challenges</i>	<i>Desiring to be entertained</i>
<i>Study and observation</i>	<i>Accepting opinions</i>
<i>Active faith</i>	<i>Apathy & doubt</i>

<i>Mature Choice</i>	<i>Immature Choice</i>
<i>Living confidently</i>	<i>Living in fear</i>
<i>Evaluating feelings and experiences in light of God's Word</i>	<i>Evaluating experiences according to feelings</i>

Maturity is characterized by ongoing development

Hebrews 6:9-12

***“Dear friends, even though we are talking this way,
we really don’t believe it applies to you.***

***We are confident that you are meant for better things, things
that come with salvation.***

***¹⁰ For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have
worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by
caring for other believers, as you still do.***

Maturity is characterized by ongoing development

Hebrews 6:9-12

¹¹ Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true.

¹² Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance

**Maturity is characterized
by Hope anchored to God's Promises**

Hebrews 6:13-20

¹³ For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying:

¹⁴ "I will certainly bless you,

and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."

¹⁵ Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.

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by Hope anchored to God's Promises*

¹⁶ Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. ¹⁷ God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.

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by Hope anchored to God's Promises*

Hebrews 6:13-20

¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

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Hebrews 6:13-20

¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us.

*He has become our eternal High Priest
in the order of Melchizedek.*



*Maturity is characterized by growing
in Resilient Faith and Selfless love*

***Maturity is characterized
by Maintaining Focus and Confidence in Christ***

Philippians 3:13-14

“...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.