

THE PROBLEM OF BECOMING DULL OF HEARING (Hebrews 5:11-14)

A. The BACKGROUND to HEBREWS You Need to Know.

1. The *writer* of Hebrews is _____, though ultimately it was the _____.
2. The *recipients* of Hebrews were _____, not the _____. (3:1)
3. The *date* of Hebrews is approximately AD _____, while the _____, and defunct _____ and _____ were still in existence.
4. The *theme* of Hebrews is _____. (1:1-3)

B. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed.

1. Hebrews 2 – DO NOT _____ THROUGH _____ - GIVE JESUS CHRIST YOUR ATTENTION.
2. Hebrews 2 – DO NOT _____ through _____.
3. Hebrews 4:1-13 – DO NOT FAIL TO _____ GOD’S _____ BY _____.
4. Hebrews 4:14-16 - DO REMEMBER TO _____ YOUR CONFESSION OF FAITH AND _____ TO THE THRONE OF GRACE.
5. Hebrews 5:11-14 - DO NOT BECOME _____ IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK AND AVOID EXPERIENCING _____ IN YOUR CHRISTIAN GROWTH. 5:11-14
 - a. The *desire* of the writer of Hebrews is to teach these believers _____ more. (5:11b)
 - b. The *doctrine* the writer wants his readers to better understand is about _____ as their great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. (5:11a)
 - c. The *difficulty* to effectively communicate about Jesus Christ’s High Priesthood was not due to the complexity of the subject but because these Hebrew believers had _____. (5:11c)
 - d. The *demonstrative evidences* of a believer becoming dull of hearing. (5:12 -13)
 - 1) They ought to be _____ of God’s Word to others _____ but they were not. (5:12a)
 - What is one way that active listening and application of sound doctrine by faith shows itself?

2) **They needed someone to _____ them _____ the _____
or _____ of the _____ of God. (5:12b)**

- What do immature believers really need – whether they have never spiritually grown or they have retrogressed? Do you see this need?
- Are you willing to let the Lord use you in this kind of ministry?
- What are these ‘first principles’?
- What should the phrase, ‘oracles of God’, impress upon you regarding Word?

3) **They were _____ in the understanding and application of the Word
of God for they were _____.** (5:13)

- Is there anything wrong with hearing the ‘first principles’ or ‘milk’ of God’s Word?
- So what exactly is the problem and what does this indicate?
- Why does this problem exist?

e. The *diametrical contrast* of becoming dull of hearing. (5:14)

1) **These believers are spiritually growing to become _____.**

- Is this God’s desire for every believer in Christ?

2) **These believers have the capacity for _____ doctrinally.**

- What does this refer to?

3) **These believers _____ and _____ listen to sound teaching and have
their senses _____ by the habitual _____ of God’s Word in their lives.**

- What does this involve practically?
- What elements are needed for spiritual growth in your life?

4) **These believers have the ability to _____ both _____ and _____
doctrinally and practically.**

- Is this a great need in our day?
- How does all of this apply to you?