

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

- 2 Peter 3:18

B. The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS You Need to Heed.

5. Do not become _____ in your Christian walk and avoid experiencing spiritual _____ in your Christian growth. (5:11-14)

a. The *desire* of the writer of Hebrews is to teach these believers _____ more. (5:11b)

- What is ironic about this statement? (13:22)
- What can we learn from this from the standpoint of the teacher?

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)

- Will he take the opportunity to develop this doctrine?
- What can we learn from this?

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)

- What does “you have become” (perfect, indicative of ginomai) indicate?
- Did they have a choice in the matter? Do you?
- What does it mean to be “dull of hearing”?
- What does this indicate and how does it apply to you?

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 spiritually grow 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?