

Deadly Dullness Part 2

Someone Better

Hebrews 6:1-12

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Important definitions:

- Dullness = GK *nothros* **lazy**, sluggish, languid or **apathetic**.
 - Perfect (perfection) = GK *teleiotēs* **completeness**, full development, **full belief**, wholeness, entirely outfitted – **mature**.
1. Spiritual **immaturity** is a result of dullness toward God's word. 5:12-6:3 What is that like?
 - a. Unable to **communicate** the word to others – *ought to be teachers...* (Verse 12)
 - b. Unable to get beyond the **ABC's** of the faith (verse 12b)– need to be taught again the *first principles* of the *oracles* of God.
 - c. Unable to **digest** spiritual meat. (12c-14)
 - d. Unable to **discern** between good and evil (14) here is perhaps the biggest danger.
 - e. Unable to get past symbols and shadows to the **reality of a relationship** with Jesus. 6:1-3
 2. Spiritual **Indecision** is a deadly result of dullness toward God's word. 6:4-8.
 - a. 5 powerful reasons to believe. (Note the pronouns)
 - i. They had been **enlightened**.
 - ii. They had **tasted** the heavenly gift. Jn 6:51.
 - iii. They had **partaken** of the Holy Spirit. Jn 16:8.
 - iv. They had **tasted** the good word of God.
 - v. They **witnessed** the power of the world to come.
 - b. One sad response to God's last word – **rejection!**
 - c. One horrendous result of the wrong response – finding that **repentance** is **impossible**.
 - d. We are responsible for what we hear - if we reject God's **message**; God will **reject us** (Verses 7-8)

Two sobering summary thoughts:

Dullness or laziness toward God's word leads a Christian to **fruitlessness and confusion**.

Dullness leads a yet unsaved and hesitant person to **Hell**.