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## Be Mature

*By Taylor Braswell on August 3, 2021*

### **TODAY'S READING:** Hebrews 5

In verses 1-10 of Hebrews 5, the author reminds us that Jesus is the greatest high priest. Just as the high priests in the Old Testament were chosen to make sacrifices for sin on behalf of the people, Jesus was chosen to be the ultimate sacrifice for sin and the source of eternal salvation.

In verses 11-14, the author warns against spiritual laziness. Unfortunately, some people live as if studying the Bible and learning theology is just for pastors and missionaries. All Christ followers must know and study God's Word! In verse 12, the author makes it clear that these people should be teachers by now. If you are not a new believer, you should be mature enough in your faith to teach and disciple someone. We are each responsible for growing spiritually and daily becoming hungry for learning more about God. The more we learn about who God is, the more we will want to know him.

How do we know if we are becoming spiritually mature? In verse 14, the author says we will be able to distinguish good from evil if we have discernment trained by constant practice. Last week I cracked my molar and had to go to the dentist. If my dentist had to re-learn everything she learned in school before deciding what needed to be done to fix my tooth, I would have waited a long time in that chair while she read textbooks! Fortunately, my dentist has been practicing her craft for many years and is familiar with how to fix my teeth.

As Christians, we should find ourselves in familiar territory when we open God's Word! We can make moral decisions in our everyday lives if we are growing spiritually. While we never move on from reminding ourselves about the gospel, we should always be learning more about who God is and what he has done for us.

**PRAYER:** God, thank You for sending Your son as my great High pPriest. Thank You for making salvation possible through the blood of Jesus. Give me a hunger each day to learn more about Your character. Give me discernment to know what glorifies You.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** Hebrews 6

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