

Text: Hebrews 5:11-14
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Spiritual Growth

Making Sure Our Spiritual Progress is Up to Speed

5:11 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. (NIV)

1. Portrait of a Stunted Christian (vv.11-13)

A. You Miss Out on _____

B. You Miss Out on _____

C. You Miss Out on _____

2. God's Remedy for Slow Growth (v.14)

A. _____

B. _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings call the church office (714-489-2600).

1. How long have you been a Christian?

How would you rate and describe your spiritual progress since that time?

2. Describe your life currently in terms of being encouraged, strengthened and full of joy?

3. Do you ever hear what you sense is a good sermon or read what you know is a good passage but don't seem to "get much out of it"? How often does that happen?

Who do you know that seems to consistently get a lot out of these things?

4. How involved are you in "ministering" to others—especially in terms of teaching them the things that you have learned and are learning?

How quickly and easily could you share if you were given the microphone and asked to tell the things God has been teaching you recently? How deep would you have to dig to come up with something?

What would it be if this really happened right now?

What can you do today to get ready to impart something meaningful to someone the next time God calls on you to encourage somebody?

5. How much *more* time do you feel you should be spending reading and studying God's word?

Have you ever read all the way through the Bible?

Will you commit to reading through the Bible completely before the end of 1998? What will your plan be?

6. Do you currently memorize Scripture verses? How much and how often?

What goals will you make in this area?