

**A Better Way**  
**A Better Spiritual Growth**  
**Hebrews 5.11-14**

Hebrews is the book of the **Better Way**, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**

- Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

*John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

- **Our Better Purging** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

*Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

- **Our Better Stand** – Don't Slip (2.1) Don't let the Word of God slip.
- **Our Better "So Great A Salvation"** (2.3)
- **Our Better Reconciliation** and the Defeat of the Devil (2.17)
- **Our Better Exhortation** (3) – Hear God's Voice
- **Our Better Rest** (4.1-11)
- **Our Better Word From God** – This King James Bible
- **Our Better Accountability** – Our God sees all
- **Our Better Prayer**
- **Our Better Priest**

Today we discover that there is a **Better Maturity, Spiritual Growth**.

## Read Text

### A. The Principle of Spiritual Growth

#### The Four Types of People you will encounter in your Christian Journey,

##### 1. The Natural Man – The Lost Man

*1 Corinthians 2:14 - But **the natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them,** because they are spiritually discerned.*

A Lost, natural, person cannot know the deep things of God because the Holy Spirit teaches us the deep things of God, the Holy Spirit illuminates the truths of God within us and quickens them within us. A Lost man does not have the Holy Spirit of God.

##### 2. The Carnal Christian – A Babe In Christ

*1 Corinthians 3:1–3 - And I, brethren, could not speak unto you **as unto spiritual,** **but as unto carnal,** **even as unto babes in Christ.** <sup>2</sup>I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. <sup>3</sup>For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, **are ye not carnal, and walk as men?***

Every newly born again christian is a babe in Christ and begins as a Carnal Christian. The Word Carnal also means Worldly. New Christians begin their Christian Journey more like the world they live in than they are like Christ. Their Christian Journey is just beginning, they have much to learn and much spiritual growth to realize.

Many who have been Christians for multiplied years are still Carnal Christians. Mostly because they have never spiritually grown. What keeps them from growing spiritually?

- **Ignorance of Spiritual Growth** – They never realized there was such a thing as spiritual growth.

- **Lack of Discipleship** – They do not attend church and cannot receive its spiritual discipleship that may lead to spiritual growth. Of they attend **the wrong church** and learn false doctrine. New Christians and long time Christians need a Bible Believing Church fellowship.
- **Lack of the Word of God** – They do not spend time in their Bible, this King James Bible. Or they hold and use a book called a Bible that is not the Word of God. Instead they use the Modern translations, the devils deceptive books.

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1 Cor 3.1

### 3. **The Spiritual Christian** – A maturing and growing Christian

*1 Corinthians 3:1 - And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

Purposefully growing spiritually in the Lord Jesus Christ through the diligent study of the Word of God, this King James Bible.

Heb 12.6

### 4. **The Prodigal Christian** – A Rebellious Child of God, the Most miserable person on the face of the earth.

Miserable due to the chastening hand of God (Heb 12.4-11)

Examples: Jonah, and Vexed Lot.

### **The Chastening of God**

*Hebrews 12:6–7 - For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons;** for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*

### **The Lack of Chastening**

**Hebrews 12:8** - *But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*

Our text reveals that there is a spiritual growth in which each born again christian must exercise themselves.

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**B. The Process that leads to our Spiritual Growth - The Exercise that leads to Spiritual Growth**

**Hebrews 5:14** - *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

1 Pet 2.2

**To be exercised in the Word of God is to,**

1. **Desire the Word of God** – Do you want to know the Word of God. Do you desire the Word of God and its truths.

**1 Peter 2:2** - *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

**Psalms 119:103** - *How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

James 1.25

2. **Look in to the Word of God** – Read your Bible

**James 1:25** - *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, . . .*

3. **Continue in the Word of God** – Study your Bible, work in your Bible.

**James 1:25** - *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, . . .*

**2 Timothy 2:15** - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*Psalm 119:9 - BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

#### 4. Remember the Word of God

*James 1:25 - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, **he being not a forgetful hearer, . . .***

*Psalm 119:11 - Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

#### 5. Surrender to The Word of God.

*James 1:25 - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work,** this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

*Psalm 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

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#### C. The Purpose of our Spiritual Growth

*Hebrews 5:12 - **For when for the time ye ought to be teachers,** ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

2 Tim 2.1

Your Heavenly Father spiritually grows you so that you can take what He has taught you and teach it to others,

You ought to be teachers.

*2 Timothy 2:1–2 - Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

What are you doing with what God has been teaching you? If you claim to be Spiritually Mature and you are not teaching others, you reveal by your lack of action that, you are more carnal than spiritual.

You ought to be teachers of the things of God, of the Word of God.

#### **D. The Problem with our Spiritual Growth**

*Hebrews 5:11 - Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*

**To be dull of hearing is to,**

- Come to Church, sit through the service, and when you get in your car in the Church parking lot, not to be able to recall what the Sermon was about.
- Read your Bible without paying attention to your Bible, perhaps in your God and I time.
- Pretend to be spiritual on Sunday and live the rest of your week looking like, and acting like this corrupt carnal world. Can your co-workers or employees tell that you are a christian?
- See the lost world around you and not really care if those people are destined for a Lake of Fire and Brimstone forever if they leave this life and world without the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Are you growing Spiritually in your Lord Jesus Christ?  
Of are you just going through the Christian actions?

Are you purposefully striving to be a Spiritually Mature Christian?

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