

## **Daily Devotional**

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**Theme:** Going on to Maturity

**Text:** *Hebrews 5:14-6:1 NIV*

*But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity,*

**Thought:** In the letter to the Hebrews, we discover that the recipients had long been Christians, who by then ought to have been teaching others. Instead, they were still like infants, needing to be fed milk. (See Hebrews 5:12-14). The writer attempts to rouse them to go beyond the elementary teachings about Christ, “not laying again the foundation of repentance.” They were to go on to maturity, to the status of spiritual adults, and to more profound truths concerning Christ’s priesthood and the fullness of their salvation.

Because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He ever lives to intercede for them (See Hebrews 7:24-25). This is the solid food of which the writer speaks. He goes on to tell of Christ appearing before God for us and later, of our privilege to enter into the Holy Place to live in fellowship with God (see 10:19-20).

It is only when the Christian ceases to remain at the elementary teaching about Christ that he or she will grow and be strengthened in grace and truly live in fellowship with Christ.

That is what God desires and what the Son of God wants to do for you. Yield yourself fully to Christ and find in Him the hidden life. Then you will grow in grace and win others for Christ. Nothing short of conformity to Christ—a life wholly dedicated to God—should satisfy you.

**Prayer:** Lord, I want so much to progress and grow in my commitment. Help me go on to maturity.