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MARKS OF IMMATURITY

INTRODUCTION: The dictionary defines immaturity as “lacking complete development.” To the degree that we are spiritually immature we are falling short in areas that need to be developed in our lives.

Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3

¹¹We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. ¹²In 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! ¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6 ¹Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, ²and of faith in God, ³instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ⁴And God permitting, we will do so.

I. LACKING _____ OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. Basic _____
2. Ability to “_____” 2 Tim 2:15
3. To _____ others

II. LACKING _____ - _____

Hebrews 5:14 – “...have trained themselves...”

1. Take _____
2. Develop _____
3. Accept _____ and _____
4. Learn from _____ discipline – Hebrews 12:11

III. LACKING _____ FULLNESS – 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

1. _____ – living according to the _____
2. Evidenced by _____ and _____

IV. LACKING _____ GRACES – Romans 15:1-2

1. _____ centered
2. _____ spirit
3. _____ freak

V. LACKING _____ – _____

Colossians 4:12 - “...stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”

1. Wanders _____
2. Drifts with _____

CONCLUSION: Those who remain immature become so used to immaturity that they don’t even recognize it. Sometimes we need someone else to tell us – _____!