

**Sermon Quotes**  
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**Study of Hebrews- Going On To Maturity**

“In their drifting and neglect and carelessness their spiritual ears had become dull. The Bible was becoming uninteresting. Their desire for the teaching and preaching of God's Word was fading. The energy to think and ask questions about the most important questions in the world was seeping away. And in its place was a kind of spiritual sluggishness and insensitivity. Things of the world were becoming more exciting and attractive than the Word of God, the greatness of His salvation...The church was beginning to feel that progress to maturity and growth in holiness was optional...So they were just drifting along on past attainments. And all the while becoming dull in hearing, deceived by sin, and hard in heart.”

—John Piper

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** “But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as **infants in Christ**. (2) I fed you with **milk, not solid food**, for you were **not ready** for it. And even now you are not yet ready, (3) for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?”

\*\*\***Time + Obedience = Maturity**\*\*\*

“There are some of the Lord's people who seem to never be able to get on from the time of their conversion. They are born again, but they **remain babes** all their lives. You hear from them the same old experience. You remark in them the same want of spiritual appetite, the same want of interest in anything beyond their own little circle, which you remarked ten years ago...There are others of the Lord's people who seem to be **always advancing**. They grow like the grass after rain, they increase like Israel in Egypt; they press on like Gideon, though sometimes faint, yet always pursuing. They are adding grace to grace, and faith to faith, and strength to strength. Every time you meet them their hearts seem larger, and their spiritual stature taller and stronger. Every year they appear to see more, and know more, and believe more...They not only have good works to prove the reality of their faith, but they are zealous of them. They not only do well, but they are unwearied in well-doing...It does one good to see, to be with, and to hear them...When you part with them you feel warmed by their company, as if your soul had been near a fire.”

—JC Ryle