Failure to Launch

When will I grow up?

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"There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong." **Hebrews 5:11-14 NLT**

The Goal = Mature in Christ

Thread: The Father wants His sons and daughters to grow up in Christ.

"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching...Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."
Ephesians 4:12-14a,15 NLT

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You are not progressing.

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How to remain immature

1. Remain spiritually dull.
2. Listen distracted.
3. Assume it's someone else's responsibility.
4. Eat spiritual junk food.

"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."
Hebrews 6:1-2 ESV

Their foundation is UNSTABLE.

- ***"****not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God," (v. 1b)*
- *"and of instruction about washings" (v. 2)*
- *"the laying on of hands" (v. 2)*
- *"the resurrection of the dead" (v. 2)*
- *"and eternal judgment."* *(v. 2)*

If I'm going to grow up in Christ/mature, I must settle these teachings.

Challenge:

- Am I spiritually dull?
- Are any of these teachings holding me back from maturing in Christ?

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