

## Pressing on to Perfection, Part 3 – Heb. 5:11-6:20

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Again the author of Hebrews diverges from his main topic in order to exhort his readers. As Jesus was “perfected” because He “learned obedience” (5:7-10), so must we also hear and obey if we would “go on to perfection” (6:1). Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity and immaturity breeds apostasy; but our perfection rests in the promise of God through Christ, our High Priest.

1. Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity (5:11-6:3).
  - a. Maturity is measured by knowledge (5:11-13; 6:1-2)..
  - b. Maturity is measured by discernment (5:14).  
*Discernment, which is an ability to make appropriate judgments, is marked by four characteristics:*
    - (1) It is habitual: *by reason of use.*
    - (2) It functions in the moral faculties: *senses.*
    - (3) It is the product of training: *exercised.*
    - (4) It mandates a value judgment: *good and evil*
2. Spiritual immaturity breeds apostasy (6:4-8).
3. Perfection is based upon the promise of God (6:9-20).