

Comfortable in Kindergarten

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Hebrews 5:11-6:1

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1. WE ARE VULNERABLE TO SPIRITUAL COMPLACENCY

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1 Cor 3:1-2

1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

2. THE GOAL IS RIGHTEOUS LIVING

Heb 5:13

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Eph 4:13-15

13 ... become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching ... 15 Instead, ... in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

1 Peter 1:16

... it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

3. CHRISTLIKENESS IS INTENTIONALLY PURSUED

Heb 5:14-6:1

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2 Tim 2:22

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace...

Phil 3:16

... let us live up to what we have already attained.

Rom 2:4

... God's kindness leads you toward repentance...

Matt 6:33

... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...

Matt 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.