

Dull of Hearing
Hebrews 5:11b-14
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Thesis: I want to show what the about says about those who are “dull of hearing”.

Intro:

1. Those in Hebrews not only describes those who do not study but also those who are dull of hearing.
2. Being dull of hearing can be a spiritual death sentence for the Christian.

A. What happens when we are dull (sluggish, slow to move) of hearing?

1. **We are hard to teach.** (RSV - hard to explain) vs. **11b**
 - a. Because we are dull of hearing.
 - b. Things that cause us to be dull of hearing:
 - 1). Prejudice.
 - 2). Worldliness. **I John 2:15-17**
 - 3). Lack of Study. **II Tim. 2:15**
 - 4). Self-Centeredness.
 - 5). Giving heed to dishonest spirits. **I Tim. 4:1-3.**
 - 6). Believing not the truth, and having pleasure in unrighteousness. **II Thess 2:10.**
2. **We fail to develop as Teachers.** vs. **12**
 - a. Not only are we to be taught, but we are to develop to be able to teach others.
 - b. Jesus was called "Rabbi," another word for teacher.
 - c. His method was to teach. **Mt. 28:18-20**
3. **We are unskillful in the Word.** vs. **13**
 - a. **1PE 2:2**
 - b. **1CO 3:2**
 - c. **II Tim. 2:15**
 - d. Examples of why being skillful in the word is important.
 - 1). A verse on faith might be used to conclude salvation is Faith Only. **ROM 5:1**
 - 2). Foot washing was an act of hospitality, never something done in a worship service as an act of worship. **John 13:5**
4. **We fail to exercise our senses to discern good and evil.** vs. **14**
 - a. **ISA 5:20-23**

Concl

1. We must not be dull of hearing.
2. Being dull of hearing in many ways says that we have a lack of interest in God and spiritual things.
3. The Christian should never have such an attitude.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.