

Go on to Perfection
Hebrews 6
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of being “perfect” (full age or mature) Christian.

Intro: 1. Maturity is an important aspect of being a Christian.
2. Tonight we will look at what it means to “go on to perfection”.

I. The “perfect” (full age) & the meat of God’s Word

- A. God’s Word is food for the spirit
 - 1. There is more to man than the outward man (**Mt 4:4, 2 Cor 4:16**)
 - 2. God’s word is “milk” for the new Christians (**1 Pt 2:2**)
 - 3. God’s word is “meat” for older Christians (**Heb 5:12**)
- B. The full-grown person wants gospel messages to please God and not men (**Gal 1:10**).
- C. Those who become hurt, angry or offended at God’s truth are immature.
 - 1. These truths may concern:
 - a. **Giving (2 Cor 9:6-7)**
 - b. **“Works of the flesh” (Gal 5:19-21)**
 - c. **Concerning work in the Kingdom (1 Cor 15:58).**

II. The “perfect” (full age), discern between good & evil (**Heb 5:12-14**)

- A. God’s people are to prove all things (**1 Thess 5:21**)
 - 1. There are principles to guide saints in all areas of life (**2 Tim 3:16-17**)
- B. The mature have their senses exercised to discern good & evil.
 - 1. **“Full grown” saints will not engage in any practice until they have looked at it through God’s Word.**

III. The “perfect” (full age), realize their imperfections. (**Phil 3:13-15**)

- A. He knows that he has no real reason to be self-righteous (**Lk 18:9-14**)
- B. He will not measure his life by others (**2 Cor 10:12**), but by the standard of God’s Word (**John 12:48**).
- C. He knows that he needs to continually grow & develop (**2 Pt 3:18**).
- D. Those who say they no longer need to grow spiritually show their immaturity (**Phil 3:15**).

IV. Lessons for us today.

- A. The challenge of **Hebrews 6:1** is also an admonition.
- B. The “perfection” God requires is a level of maturity.
- C. One should, in the light of these, “examine himself,” (**2 Cor 13:5**), then “go on to perfection.”

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. The motto “I’m just fine” is a sign of a lack of maturity and dedication to God.
- 2. There is not a good reason to be an immature Christian.
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9