

# Dull or Discerning Hebrews 5:11-14

- Lots of evaluation goes on at the start of a new year
  - Some enjoy it, some ignore it, some repeat it every year
  - In 2010 (and beyond) will you progress spiritually?

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- V-11 “Hard to explain”
  - The difficulty lies in the hearer not the material or the teacher
  - “Dull” The useless limbs of a sick lion
  - Sickness, sluggish, lazy soldier, failure to responsible because of laziness

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- The readers had no passion for spiritual things, no appetite for deeper teaching, no desire for the word of God
- God's promises and truths come to them, but they do not eagerly embrace them so they are slipping toward unbelief and disobedience

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- “Dullness of hearing”
- They heard like many of you are hearing today...hearing that doesn't awaken anything

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- v. 12 – “ought”= an obligation or duty
- Obligation to the Church (believers and local) to be teachers like the natural outcome of a disease
- Dull hearers cannot teach and demand basics

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- Some hold to a false desire for “pure Christianity” ;undefiled by doctrine
- All of us have Doctrines!

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- The question is –
- Are you growing into a sound, deeper theology?
- Or are you shallow and unbiblical in your theology?
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- v. 14 – But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil

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- The solution is the practice of the truths of the Word so that you are discerning your dullness of hearing has caused you to behave immorally and unethically which causes your dullness of hearing
- Your sense of good and evil reveals more about your spiritual maturity than does your religious practices
- Discernment and ethical living flows fully alive listening and clinging to all of the truths of the Bible

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- 8 Growth goals for 2011
- Evaluate
- Samples
- Sign up
- Read
- Evaluate....repeat

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- Are you an infant in Christ?
- Are you a Christian