

3rd Admonition: The Danger of Dull Hearing -Hebrews 5:11-6:9

Intro. Hebrews 4:14-16

One’s spiritual life is not static but a movement in a particular direction which is determined by how we hear God’s word.

I. Admonished For The Dullness Of Their Hearing and Immaturity – Hebrews 5:11-14

1. Dullness of Hearing
 - One who is lazy in their listening, forgetful of what they hear, and doesn’t apply it to their life.
2. Able To Teach
3. Living off milk
4. Trained in the powers of discernment
 - Philippians 4:8

II. Challenged To Grow Beyond The Basics Into Spiritual Maturity – Hebrews 6:1-3

III. Schooled In Why Some Become Cursed And Others Blessed – Hebrews 6:4-9

A. Lesson On Falling Away – v. 4-6

“It is impossible...

1. Once those who have Been enlightened
2. Tasted the heavenly gift
3. Shared in the Holy Spirit
4. Tasted the goodness of the word of God and the Powers of the age to come
5. And then have fallen away

... to restore them to repentance

because they are crucifying once again the Son of God and publicly mocking him.”

- John 10:27-30

B. Analogy from Agriculture – vv.7-8

- Matthew 13:8-9, 15-16, Isaiah 5:1-6, Psalm 34:8

C. Pastoral Encouragement – v. 9

Devotional:

1. *If dullness of hearing is a 1 and acute is a 5, how would you rate your hearing right now? What would change that?*
2. *How we hear the Word of God impacts the direction of our whole life. How would you describe the direction your is taking? How would you want it to change?*
3. *The author uses the analogy of land that drinks the rain. One is blessed while the other is cursed because of what it is producing. Ask the Lord to help you bear a useful crop!*
4. *Who do you want to be when you see yourself down the road as an older person? Pray and ask the Lord to help you get become that person of faith and grace?*

Elementary Teachings On Which You Build A Mature Life

First is our beginning: We place our faith in Christ for our salvation – 6:1	Foundations of repentance from dead works	Faith towards God
Second is the present: We learn to live a new life in the Holy Spirit within God’s household – 6:2a	Instructions about washings/baptisms	Laying on of hands
Third is our future: We learn to put our hope in our eternal life with God – 6:2b	Instructions about the resurrection of the dead	Eternal judgment