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Press on to Maturity

Hebrews 6:1-3

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will be the demand to press on to maturity, which sets up the warning passage in vv.4-20.

Hebrews road map: The Priesthood of Christ: 5:1 thru 10:18:
Christ Our High Priest Is the Object of Our Confession (5:1—6:20)
Christ Is a Priest According to Melchizedek (7:1—7:28) Christ Mediates a Better Covenant (8:1—10:18).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

v.1a The Imperative to Mature.

v.1b-2 Steps to Maturity.

v.3 Reliance upon God to Mature.

I. THE IMPERATIVE to MATURE

‘Therefore’ διό διό, from G1223 and G3739; through which thing, i.e. **consequently:—for which cause,** therefore, wherefore.

1. This imperative has significant Moral Implications & Responsibilities.

(a) Dual responsibility. **First** for the Mature and **Secondly** for the Immature.

Heb.13:17 “Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: **for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account**...”

2 Tim.4:1-4 “I charge thee therefore before God, ...2Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.** 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own

lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

II. STEPS TO MATURITY

FIRST: Leave the elementary teachings regarding the Messiah.

NASB “Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ”

SECOND: Fundamentally, this required that they stop relaying the foundations of the O.C. shadows in their understanding of the completed person and work of the Messiah in the N.C.

Heb.8:6 “...he (Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”

- Repentance from dead works, and faith toward God – denoting the need for continued sacrifice for sin to be made.
- Baptisms – denoting the need for continual water purification.
- Laying on of hands – denoting the connection of transferred sin to sacrificed animals.
- Resurrection and Eternal judgement – denoting a need to understand Christ’s role in the future Eschaton.

III. RELIANCE UPON GOD TO MATURE

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION: