

# Let's Get on With It

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 5:11-6:12.

B. Four figures: milk drinkers, meat eaters, the stillborn and the fruit growers.

## II. The milk drinkers.

A. This is a case of arrested development.

B. These people have been in Christ for some time but they need someone to teach them the basics again.

C. Time alone does not produce spiritual growth.

D. Immaturity has clear marks.

1. An inability to instruct others. They require the simplest doctrinal treatment.

2. An inability to discern good from evil.

3. The emotionally gullible.

4. Those who are personality followers.

E. Arrested development is costly.

## III. The meat eaters.

A. These are those who are moving on to perfection.

B. We cannot attain perfection on this earth, but we must strive for it. (Philippians 3)

C. The author is talking about a coming of age—perfection with regard to understanding what God has for a person now.

D. Maturity is produced by practice.

E. This requires leaving behind the principles of the gospel without having to lay the foundation again.

F. The elementary teachings.

1. Those concerning conversion.

2. Those concerning church ordinances.

3. Those concerning prophetic matters.

G. The elementary things are not to be left but they are not to be taught all the time. Teaching them only leaves Christians immature.

IV. The stillborn.

A. The danger of prolonged inactivity after experiencing God’s blessings is that one might not be one of God’s elect.

B. How these can fall away.

1. The moment of birth is when we exercise true faith in obedience.

2. The new birth occurs when we cease from our own works and rest in Christ.

3. Beginning Christians may really be considered Christians in embryo.

C. The explanation for this hopelessness: they “re-crucify” the Son of God becoming enemies of the cross of Christ. (Philippians 3:18-19)

V. The fruit growers.

A. The result of being a fruit grower will be the full assurance of hope.

B. Wake up and get serious—begin to practice what you know.

**Application questions:**

1. What are some of the elementary things from which meat eaters have moved on? Why is it so important to move on from these things?

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2. How does the speaker explain the problem of the stillborn?

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3. Are there any areas in your life under arrested development? What can you do to move on in these areas of your life?

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