

**THE SERIOUS ISSUE OF SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY**  
**Hebrews 5:11-14**

- I. **Spiritual immaturity hinders believers from understanding the truth (11).**  
Ephesians 1:18: **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,  
  
Acts 17:11: These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily to *find out* whether these things were so.**
  
- II. **Spiritual immaturity hinders believers from serving in ministry (12).**  
1 Corinthians 3:1-2: And I, brethren, **could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal**, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able.
  
- III. **Spiritual immaturity hinders believers from progressing in growth (13).**  
1 Peter 2:1-2: Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, **as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.**
  
- IV. **Spiritual immaturity hinders believers from discerning the truth (14).**  
1 Corinthians 14:20: Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, **but in understanding be mature.**