

**THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF WILLFUL IMMATURITY**  
**HEBREWS 5:11 - 6:8**  
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TEACHING - The Melchizedekian Priesthood of Christ (5:11 a)

REPROOF -

Sin - dull of hearing (5:11 b)

Evidence - not teachers (5:12a)  
- need milk (5:12b)  
- can't digest Word of righteousness (5:13)  
- can't discern good and evil (5:14)

CORRECTION

Test I - leave basics (6: 1 a, 2)

Test 2 - press on to maturity (6: 1 b, 3)

TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Experience - enlightened (6:4a)  
- tasted / heavenly gift (6:4b)  
- partakers / Holy Spirit (6:4c)  
- tasted / Word of God and powers of the age to come (6:5)

Temptation - return to worship under the law (6:6a)

Consequences - no fellowship - forgiveness (6:6b)  
- diminish the redemptive work of Christ (6:6c)  
- divine blessing for faithfulness (6:7)  
- divine discipline for unfaithfulness (6:8)

This outline follows Paul's pattern for change in 2 Timothy 3:16.