

## LESSON 6

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### “PRESS ON TO MATURITY”

A principal goal of the teaching, or doctrine, of Christ must be that of pressing on to maturity. This was a primary concern for Paul, and it should be our goal as well (Phil. 3:12–14).

#### WARNING AND EXHORTATION TO GO ON TO MATURITY (5:11—6:20) (CONTINUED)

If we pursue being complete persons in Christ, we will come closer to achieving God’s will for our lives. The writer of Hebrews emphasized this thought of advancing toward maturity at the beginning of Hebrews 6.

1. What does it mean to “press on to maturity”?
2. What teachings fall into the category of “foundational” or “elementary”?
3. What do the terms “washings” and “laying on of hands” (v. 2a) mean?
4. What is the consequence of not going “on to maturity” (vv. 4–8)?
5. Why is a “humble and contrite person” less likely to fall away from the faith?
6. How was “the gift of the Holy Spirit” understood by the early church (v. 4c)?
7. Why are apostates, in a sense, hopeless?
8. Explain how the different biblical teachings comparing humans to plants fit together.

9. What does verse 10 suggest about the result of the works we do for Him?
10. How are we to keep from being “sluggish” (v. 12)?
11. Who is mentioned whenever the New Testament discusses faith?
12. What is God’s view of oaths?
13. How do God’s oaths encourage us?
14. What insight does the concept of Jesus as “forerunner” lend to our understanding of Him as our High Priest?