

## Discussion Questions for Hebrews 5 (Part 2) :11-14

- What would you say is the main message of 5:11–14?
- According to the author, what are the spiritual deficiencies of this letter's recipients?
- According to 5:11–14, what are the primary marks of spiritual maturity?
- How can you improve in your ability to use God's Word as a standard by which to distinguish good from evil?
- How can you practice using God's Word for discernment this week? Think of at least one decision you are facing that requires discernment.
- Read verse 13 in a few different translations. What insights do the differences in wording give you about the author's statement?
- What does the author mean by "solid food" (5:12, 14)?
- Why is "solid food" only for the mature? Why can't infant Christians handle it?
- The phrase ***distinguish good from evil*** (5:14) refers to the ability to discern what is morally good or doctrinally correct from what is contrary to law (divine or human) or truth. The idea is akin to the sense of taste, by which a child grows through practice to distinguish good food from spoiled. What is this ability vital for believers living in a corrupt world?
- How does a person train himself to distinguish good from evil?
- How can you keep yourself from being stifled in your Christian growth?