**Part 4 - Stay the Course**

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**How do we outgrow the M.I.L.K. and stay the course?**

**Hebrews 5:11-13**

 **We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.**

**In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.**

**Motivate your mind for ministry.**

**Proverbs 1:32**

**For simpletons turn away from me—to death.**

 **Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.**

**Colossians 3:23**

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters…**

**Intentionally grow.**

**Hebrews 5:14-6:3**

**But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**

**Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.**

**1 Corinthians 13:11**

**When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

**My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body.**

**Look at your fruit.**

**Hebrews 6:4-8**

**It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance.**

**To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.**

**Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.**

**But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.**

**How do you bear fruit?**

**STAY IN CHRIST!**

**Keep diligent to the very end.**

**Hebrews 6:9-12**

**Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation.**

**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.**

**We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.**

**We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**