



Jesus Is More

The Book of Hebrews

Spiritual Maturity

Hebrews 5:11-14 (NASB)



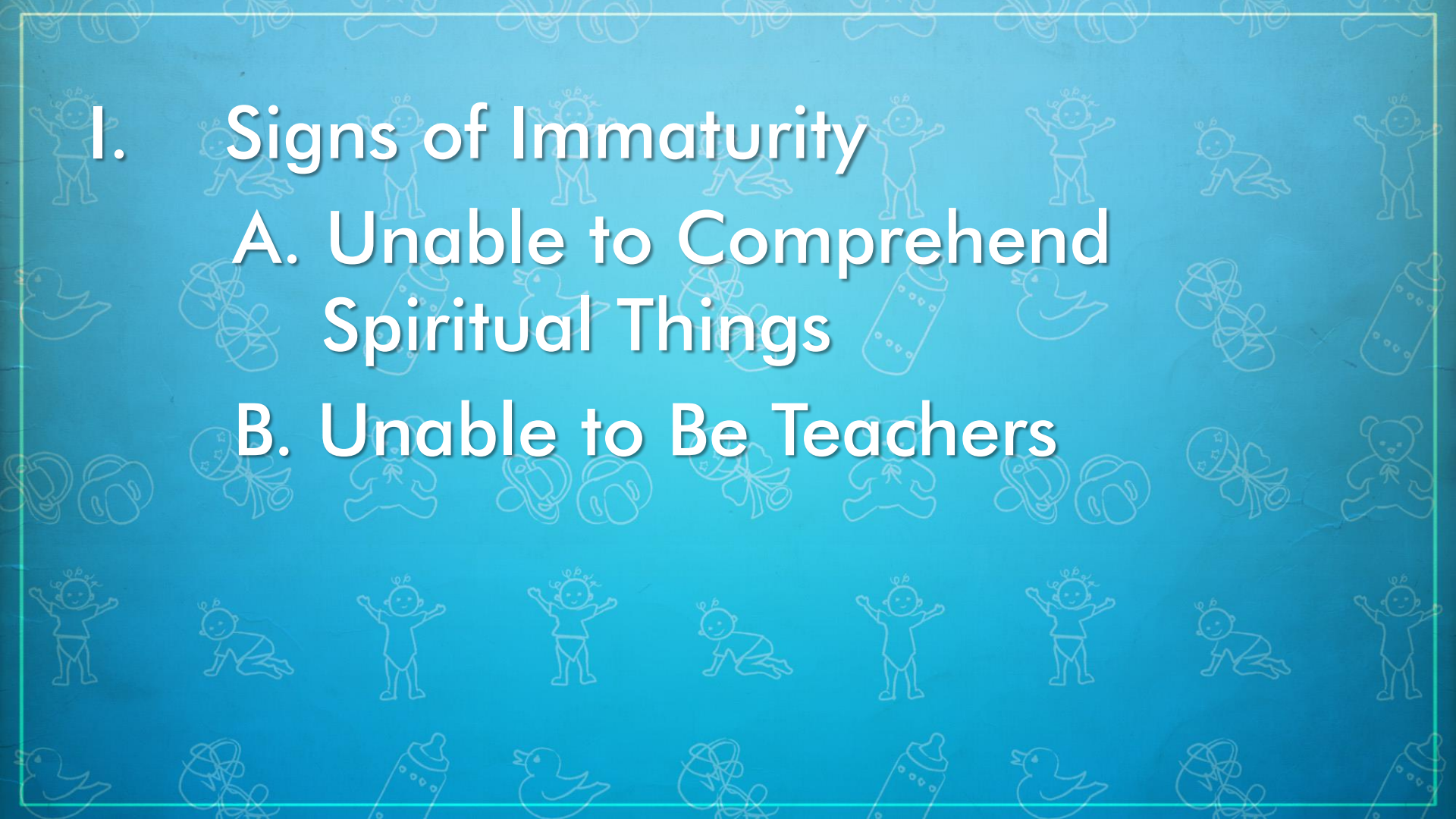
I. Signs of Immaturity

A. Unable to Comprehend Spiritual Things

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Hebrews 5:11 (NASB)



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 - B. Unable to Be Teachers

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Hebrews 5:12 (NASB)



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I. Signs of Immaturity

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C. Unable to Feed Themselves

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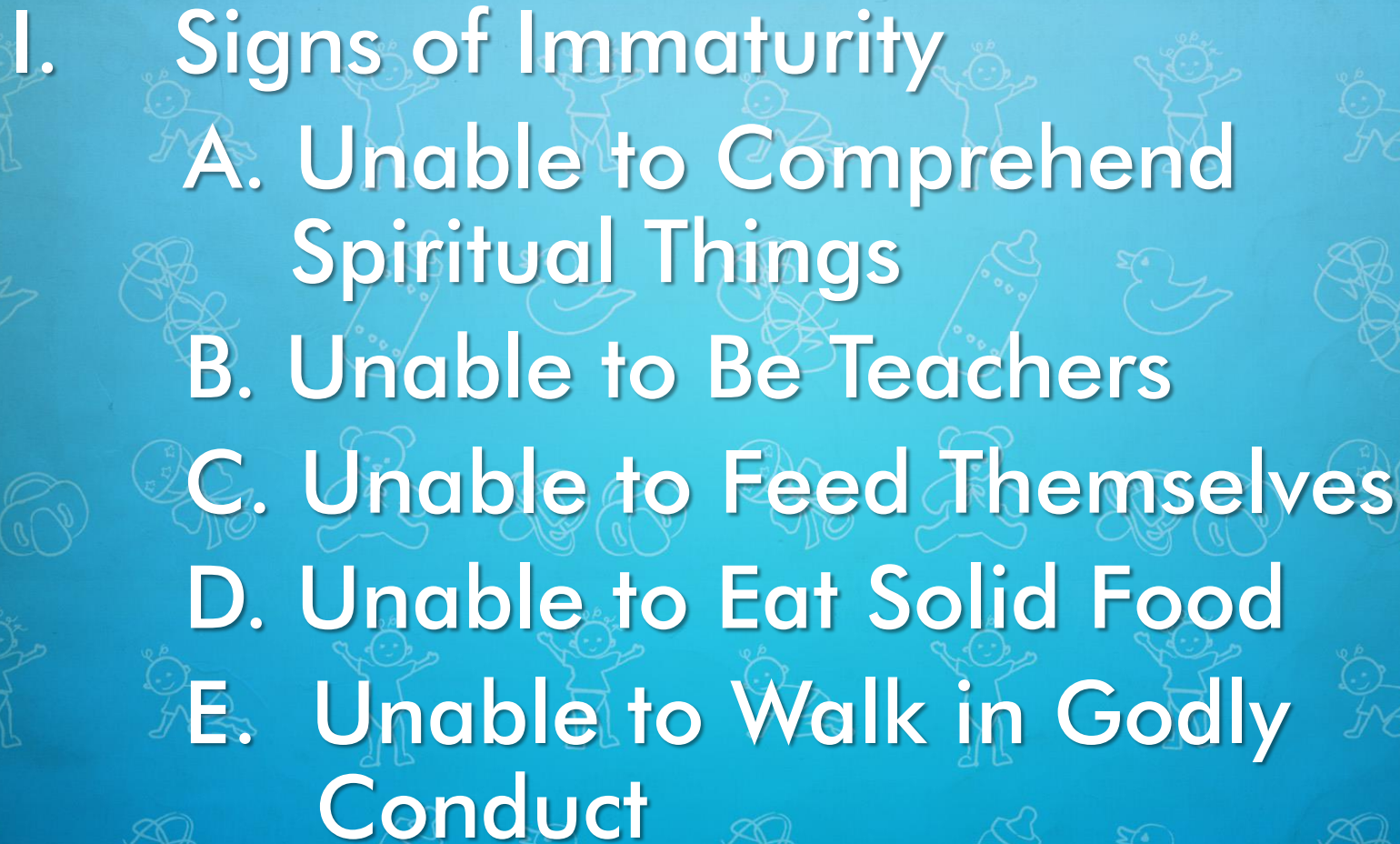
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 - D. Unable to Eat Solid Food
 - E. Unable to Walk in Godly Conduct

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

Hebrews 5:13 (NASB)



II. Signs of Maturity

A. Able to Eat Solid Food



¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature,
who because of practice have their
senses trained to discern good and
evil.

Hebrews 5:14 (NASB)



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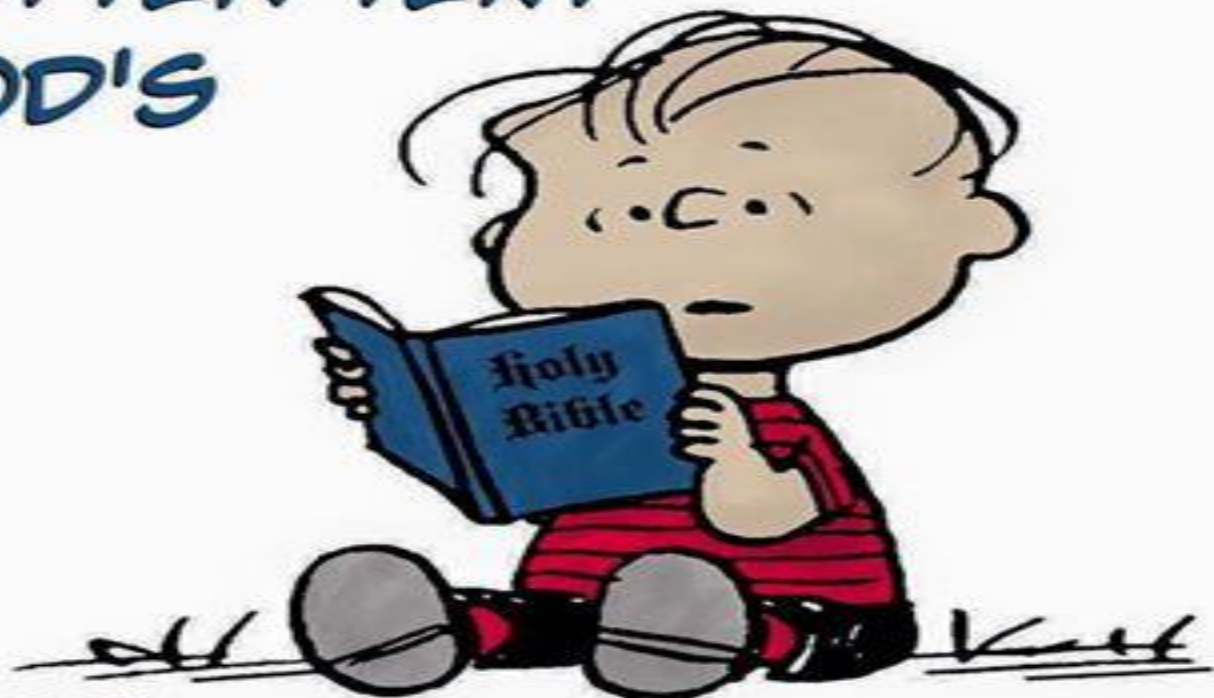
D. Able to Discern Good and Evil

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Hebrews 5:14 (NASB)



THERE IS NO BETTER TEACHER
THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT
& NO BETTER TEXT
THAN GOD'S
WORD.



JESUS IS MY ROCK

THANK YOU, PEANUTS.

Isaiah 11:2 (HCSB)

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him— a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Questions

1. What are some immature, childlike habits or actions that simply would not be tolerated if seen in an adult?
2. What theological truth or biblical concept is most difficult for you to comprehend?
3. What was wrong with the group of Hebrew believers originally addressed in this passage (Hebrews 5:11-14)?
4. Of what are infant or baby Christians ignorant (Hebrews 5:13)?
5. What are the marks of spiritual maturity (Hebrews 5:11-14)?

Questions (continued)

6. What is “solid food”? What is the benefit of “solid food” (Hebrews 5:14)? Of what does your spiritual diet consist? How would you describe your spiritual appetite now:
(a) I’ll just nibble? (b) A good meal now and then is nice?
(c) I’m famished for all I can get? Why?
7. How would you describe your present level of spiritual maturity? How have you grown since you first became a Christian?
8. What decisions are you facing that call for extra discernment?

Questions (continued)

9. How can you rely on the goodness of God's Word for discernment in the decisions you must make?
10. What can you do to move forward, or become more mature, in your relationship with Christ a little each day?
11. How would I describe my exercise program for applying the Word?
12. Spend time praying for you and your small group to be filled with the Holy Spirit, who alone can inspire and strengthen you all to hunger and thirst for God and His Word and to do His will in all things.