

# TRAINED BY GOD'S WORD: GROWING IN DISCERNMENT & HOLINESS

HEBREWS 5:11-6:3, 6:11-12 (ESV)

I. Spiritual growth \_\_\_\_\_ with developing biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

A. New Christians need to be taught how to (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) understand, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ according to Scripture.

B. Every Christian should \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ in their knowledge of Scripture.

II. Spiritual growth must go beyond understanding the Bible to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

A. When Scripture is properly digested and internalized, we develop \_\_\_\_\_ discernment

1. A person with this discernment recognizes when they're making \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Mature Christians increasingly follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.

B. Unfortunately, many Christians get stuck in \_\_\_\_\_ mode:

1. We learn and even understand Scripture, yet our lives seem \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Scripture does not take its effect, if we do not intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives to it.

3. The intended goal of digesting Scripture is not \_\_\_\_\_  
— it's \_\_\_\_\_!

III. Spiritual growth goes beyond biblical understanding to (1) moral discernment and (2) holiness.

A. Mature Christians should eventually reach a place of \_\_\_\_\_ and independence on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity: understanding Scripture, faith and repentance, basic doctrine, and holiness.

B. We study Scripture not to gain raw knowledge, but to \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts, minds, and lives to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. As a Christian grows in discernment and holiness, they also grow in \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_.