

The Immature Believer	Scripture Passages	The Mature Believer
Dull of Hearing	Hebrews 5:11	Paying close attention to what God says (compare Heb. 2:1)
Not able to teach others He still needs others to teach him.	Hebrews 5:12	Able to teach others
Still learning the ABC's of God's truth	Hebrews 5:12	Has learned the ABC's of God's truth and has moved on to the deeper things of God (compare 1 Cor. 2:10)
Needs milk Not ready for strong meat.	Hebrews 5:12	Feeding on strong meat
A spiritual baby	Hebrews 5:13-14	Spiritually advanced and discerning
Great difficulty in discerning between good and evil, and often makes wrong moral choices.	Hebrews 5:14	Able to discern between good and evil (compare 1 Cor. 2:15), guided by God's Word (compare 1 Thess. 5:21)
Carnal (fleshly)	1 Corinthians 2:15-3:4	Spiritual
Still feeding on the baby bottle (milk) and not able to handle solid food	1 Corinthians 3:1-2	Feeding on milk and solid food
Carnality, walking in the flesh, producing the works of the flesh (envy, strife, divisions, etc.)	1 Corinthians 3:3	Walking in the Spirit (compare Galatians 5:16)
Following men	1 Corinthians 3:4-5	Following Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)
In need of personal help with his own faults	Galatians 6:1	Able to help a brother who is overcome by a fault

Children tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine	Ephesians 4:13-14	Rooted and grounded in the knowledge of Christ
Vulnerable to the enemy	Ephesians 6:10-17	Protected by God's armour
Self absorbed, Proud	Philippians 3:3-5	Absorbed with Christ and with the needs of others, Humble
Satisfied with where he is, content with his sub-par spiritual state. [Remember, when swimming upstream, to do nothing is to actually go backwards]	Philippians 3:12-13	Regardless of the level of maturity reached, he presses on to higher ground, never being content with his present level of attainment or spiritual accomplishment.
"Do as I say but not as I do"	Philippians 4:9	"Follow me as I follow Christ." Able to be a model for others (compare 1 Cor. 11:1)
Ignorant of God's will and ways due to neglect of the Bible	1 John 2:14	Knowing God and living in His Word (compare 2 Pet. 3:18)