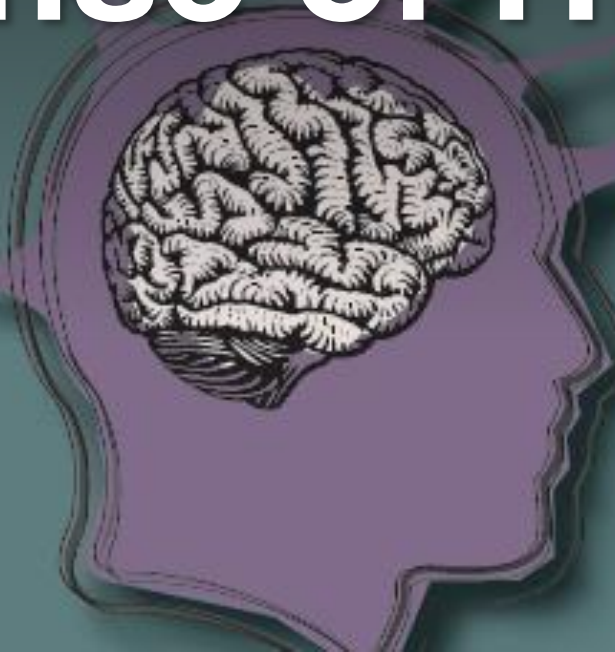




**Summer Sermon Series**

**Developing Your Five Senses**

# The Ear: The Sense of HEARING





**Why Do We Need to Hear?**

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# Hebrews 5: 11-14

## Scripture Lesson

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**Hebrews 5:11-14**, About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time, you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God.

**You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

**Hebrews 2:1**, Pay close attention to the message you've heard lest you drift away.

**Hebrews 3:1**, Consider Jesus.

**Hebrews 3:8**, Don't harden your hearts like Israel did in the wilderness.

**Hebrews 3:12**, Take care, lest you have an evil heart of unbelief.

**Hebrews 4:1**, Fear, lest you fail to enter God's rest.

**Hebrews 4:11**, Be diligent to enter God's rest lest you fall by disobedience.

**Hebrews 4:14**, Hold fast to your confession.

A stylized illustration of a human ear in profile, rendered in a light brown color. To the right of the ear, several concentric, curved lines in a yellowish-green color radiate outwards, representing sound waves. The background is solid black.

# **Are You Dull of Hearing?**

## **Lesson Three**

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# **“Dullness”**

**The idea of being lazy, sluggish,  
or hard of hearing.**

**“No push in the hearing”**

**“Numbed” in mind as well as in  
the ears.**

**“If you are idle, you are on the road to ruin, and there are few stopping places upon it. It is rather a precipice than a road.”**

**They had no "push" or no  
"drive" in their spiritual life!**

**Dullness** is not an ear  
problem but a heart  
problem.

# “Hearing”

**Hebrews 4:2,** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

**"Dullness of hearing" is hearing without faith and without the moral fruit of faith.**

**Luke 8:18,** Therefore take care how you hear; for whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.

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# What is the Remedy for Dullness of Hearing?

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**Hebrews 5:13, For everyone  
who partakes only of  
milk is unskilled in the word  
of righteousness, for he is a  
babe.**

## The Remedy

**Hebrews 5:14, Solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**

**You become mature by  
"practice" or exercise or  
habitual responses to the  
milk.**

**The pathway to maturity and to solid biblical food is not first becoming an intelligent person but becoming a hearing and obedient person.**



# Three Steps in How to Grow from Milk to Maturity:

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# **1. You Drink in the Milk.**

**Listen, Read and Apply**

## **2. You Love the Taste of the Milk.**

**Savor, Swallow and Digest**

# **3. You Discern Good and Evil.**

**Milk gives you the Mind of Christ.**



**“Physical maturity is bound to time. Spiritual maturity is bound to obedience.”**