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Topic: Be Discerning

Scripture text: Hebrews 5:11-14

1. When it comes to spiritual matters, we need to be discerning to guard ourselves from falsehood. Apostle Paul, the writer of the book of Hebrews, was admonishing the Jews who were turning away from the faith because they were immature in the knowledge of God's Word, despite being believers for many years. They should not have been struggling with the fundamental doctrines.

2. Apostle Paul had many difficult doctrines to expound but was unable to do so due to their lack of understanding. They were not growing in the knowledge of God's Word because they were lazy at hearing, understanding and applying God's Word in their lives (verse 11). May we be doers of the Word, not hearers only.

3. Despite being an established church, the long-time believers still had to be taught the fundamentals of the faith and were incapable of sharing the Word of God to others. May the Lord grant us deep insights to His Word that we will not remain as babes in Christ who are only capable of drinking milk (verse 12).

4. Babes in Christ are not acquainted with the Word of God and thus unable to discern the ways of Christ (verse 13). However, those who have a deep knowledge of God's Word are able to be nourished by more complex doctrines. He will be able to discern between good and evil and choose that which is pleasing in God's sight. May the Holy Spirit grant us illumination and discernment to live righteously (verse 14).