

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

Our website: OpenBibleHour.net



“ARE YOU ON THE ROAD TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY?”

PART 2

Heb. 5:11-14

Feb. 24, 2013

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

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.

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

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



Greek Word		Meaning	Spiritual Level	Characteristics	Need	Scripture
Positional Eternal	Practical Temporal					
Teknon Huios		Child Forever Son Forever	Heir of God Adopted	All Positional Truth	Put his Position into practice.	Jn, 1:12; <u>Rom.8:16,17</u> Gal. 3:26; Rom 8:14,15
	Brephos	New-born 0-1	Infant	Desire for milk	Taught the basics.	<u>1 Pet. 2:2</u>
	Nepios	Toddler 1-3	Baby/ Toddler	Foolish Immature	Discernment	I Cor. 3:1; Heb. 5:13 <u>Eph. 4:14</u>
	Paidion	Child 4-12	Committed Disciple	Teachable Strong	Discipline	1 Jn. 2:13,14 <u>1 Cor. 14:20</u>
	Neaniskos	Young Man 13-21	Victorious Disciple	Applies the Word Defeats Satan	Consistent victory.	1 Jn. 2:13,14
	Pater	Father Adult	Mature Disciple	Knowledgeable Teaches others	Reproduction	<u>1 Jn, 2:13.14</u> 1 Cor. 4:15

WORD →

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Those who give
out the Word.

Pastor-Teachers

Bible Teachers

Evangelists



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Those who
take in the
Word.

Believers

We're Losing Our Youth

- **93%:** will never return to the church 18 months after they graduate.

- *“Youth At Risk”* - **Josh McDowell**

- **88%:** of the children raised in evangelical homes leave church at the age of 18, never to return.

-Research study of family life in America by the Southern Baptist Convention's Family Life Council in 2002

- **70%:** LifeWay Research
- **66%:** Assembly of God study
- **61%:** Barna study in 2006
- **20%:** The number of Americans who say they have no religious affiliation - **Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.**

Labeled “nones” because they claim either no religious preference or no religion at all, their ranks have hit 46 million people. Much of the growth is among young people — one in three U.S. adults under 30 are now considered “nones”.

Barna Research Survey -

The individuals surveyed considered themselves "born again", defined as:

1. Those who have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is important in their life today.
2. Those who say they know they will go to Heaven after they die solely because they have confessed their sins and accepted Christ as their Savior.

1991 - 52% did not believe in absolute truth

1994 - 62% " " " "

2001 - 68% " " " "

2001 - 91% teens " " "

These same "born again" individuals:

40% - it does not matter what religious faith you follow because all faiths teach similar lessons about life.

77% - man is basically good by nature.

84% - in the matter of salvation, "God helps those who help themselves". They said it was the most well known verse in the Bible.

33% - we all pray to the same God and therefore faith in Christ is not absolutely necessary, so long as one is a good person.

55% - the Holy Spirit is merely a symbol of God's power and presence.

34% - Jesus sinned.

45% - deny Satan is a real being.

35% - deny the physical resurrection of Jesus.

Time spent:

7 times more each week watching TV than participating in Bible Study/reading, prayer and worship.

More time spent surfing the internet than on prayer.

Most important goal in life:

0% - to be a committed follower of Christ.

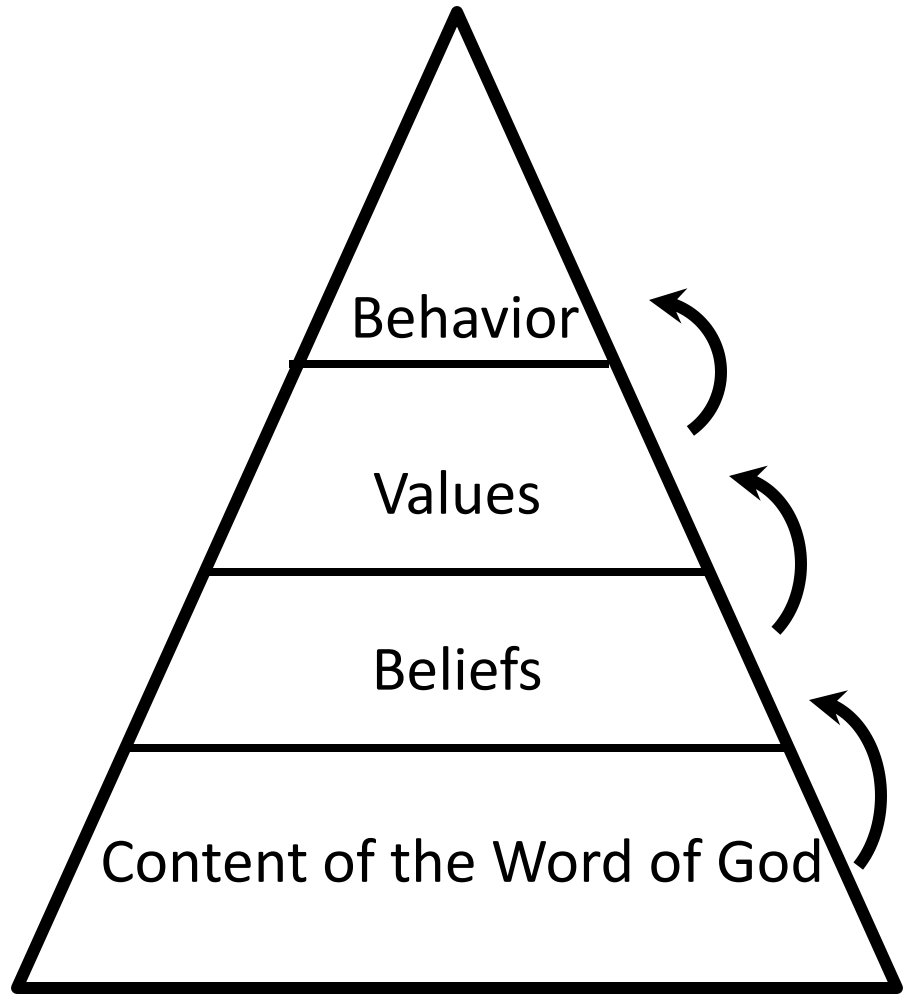
1. having good physical health.
2. having a successful career.
3. having a functional family.
4. reap as much fulfillment as we can from our daily pursuits.
5. live a comfortable lifestyle.
6. have a close relationship to God.

“Kids are spending a very small amount of time in church activities, and many of those activities have very little theological, biblical, or spiritual content.”

**Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**

“You will not recognize the Church in 20 years.”

**The late D. James Kennedy
Former Pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian
Church**



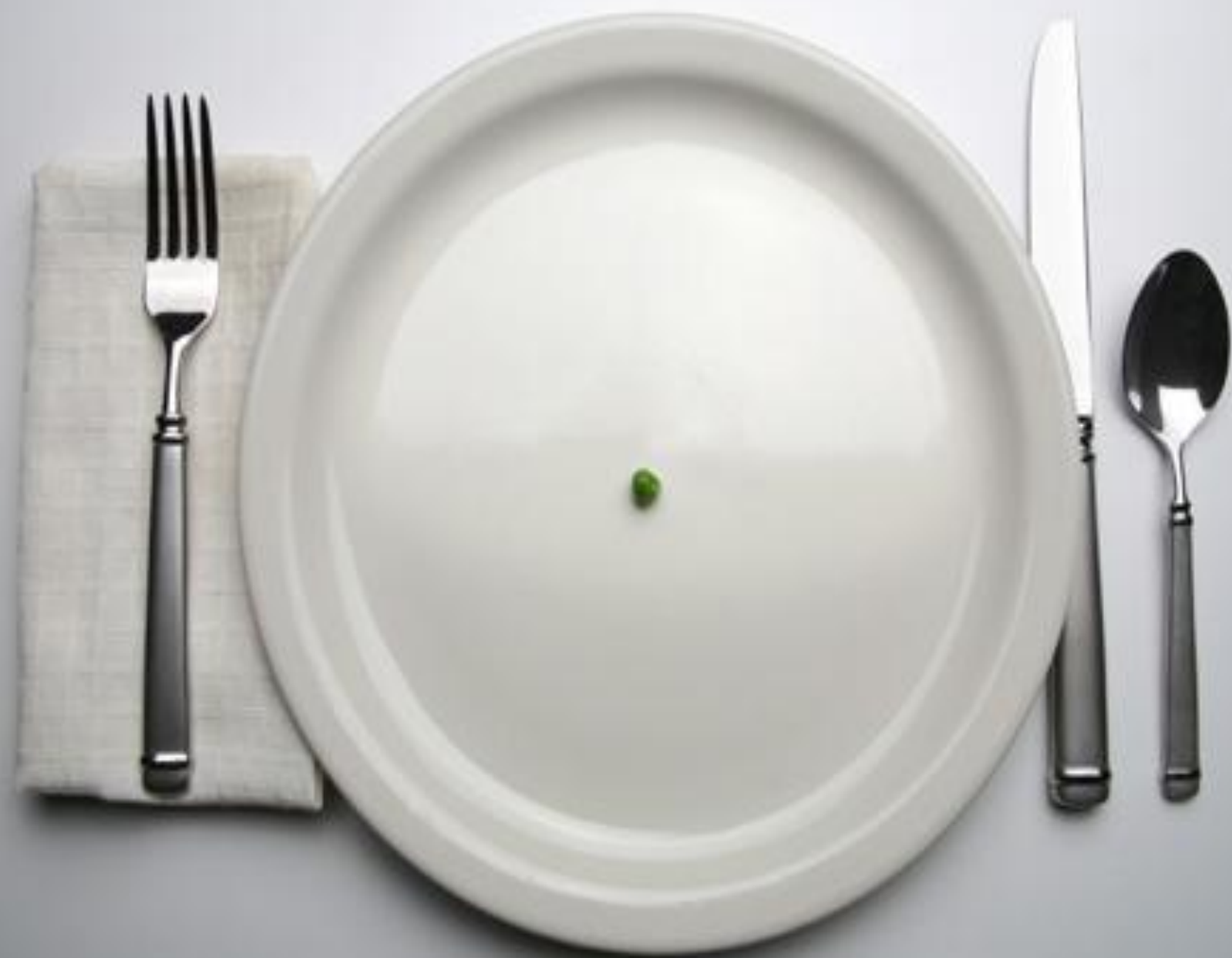
Behavior

Values

Beliefs

Content of the Word of God







10 ways the Church is failing to teach believers the Word:

1. By being relevant.
2. By being “politically correct” and political.
3. By dumbing down the truth.
4. By catering to the flesh.
5. By appealing to emotion.
6. By being pragmatic.
7. By being entertaining.
8. By presenting “another” Jesus.
9. By counting heads.
10. By compromise.

2 Tim 4:2-4

- 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.