

IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE – Unless ...

Heb 5:11-6:12 Glenden P. Riddle

- b. The 3rd Warning - Immaturity **5:11-6:20**
 *With ourselves – all things are IMPOSSIBLE (5:11-6:12)
 1) Their **Spiritual Immaturity** **5:11-14**
 2) The author's **Urging for Maturity** **6:1-12**
 *With God – all things are POSSIBLE (6:13-20)
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1. High school grammar 101 ☹

Term	Traditional Grammar	Structural Grammar	Notes
Noun	name of person, place, thing	can be made plural or possessive	
Verb	shows action or state of being	has <i>-s</i> and <i>-ing</i> forms	
Adjective	modifies a noun	can be qualified and inflected for comparative/superlative degrees	<i>very good</i> <i>better</i> <i>best</i>
Adverb	modifies verb, adjective or another adverb	modifiers of verbs that give time, place, reason, manner, and other information. Some can be qualified or inflected like adjectives. Characteristic endings like <i>-ly</i> , <i>-wise</i> , <i>-ward</i> .	
Article	a determiner that introduces a noun phrase as either specific or nonspecific	a determiner (<i>a</i> , <i>an</i>) signaling countable nouns or (<i>the</i>) which signals all classes of nouns	
Participle	a verbal adjective	the <i>-ing</i> or <i>-en</i> verb functions as adjective or adverb	

2. More terms:

Papyri – “paper” made from the papyrus reed plant in ancient Egypt, almost all early New Testament books were written on papyrus paper. Later on leather became more common.

Inclusion – a literary term whereby a word or phrase would be used near the beginning and the end of a unit, marking off that unit of thought.

3. With those exciting preliminaries out of the way:

- 1) Notice “dull” (5:11) and “sluggish” (6:12) (in the old NASB) – same word in Gk: *nōthroi*.
- 2) Notice “slow” (5:11) and “lazy” (6:12) (in the New ~~Inspired~~ International Version) – same word in Gk: *nōthroi*.
- 3) Notice (for you lucky computer gurus who use the latest in e-Bibles) “sluggish” (5:11) and “sluggish” (6:12) (NET Bible with almost 70,000 excellent notes that can be carried in your pocket thumb drive) – same word in Gk: *nōthroi*.

The use of this word, *nōthroi*, forms an _____ ! It marks off clearly in the Gk text a unified unit (I love those kind of units) of thought. Let us not separate what God has joined together!

