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Scripture: Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God.

Observation: The unknown writer Hebrews is making a point that the job of a Christian is progressive sanctification which is to keep growing and becoming closer to and more like Jesus.

Application/Analysis: Remember the three little pigs? One made a house of straw, one a house of wood, and one a house of brick. Our Christian walk is somewhat similar in that when we are new to the faith, our house is like straw because we have no experiences and our faith has not been tested and the wolf, metaphorically Satan, has many ways to be successful in blowing that house down. The same goes as we grow more and symbolically have a house of wood meaning our faith is improved, we are not practicing habitual sin but still there are things that keep us from reaching our spiritual potential because our prayer life is lacking and we are not studying the word regularly. God requires our all and our best all the time and He cannot fully give us all that He wants to until we give our all to Him beginning with faith and then exercising said faith in every aspect of our lives. That means complete submission in such a way that we know we can't even take our next breath without the grace of God. So it begins with repentance which is the changing of our mind and going in the opposite direction. This is reliance on God rather than ourselves. Then we lay the foundation for our house of brick by establishing a prayer life and grow by studying the word and win when our faith is tested all the while maintaining a state of joy (Jam 1:2-4). Each of these steps adds bricks to our inventory so that we can build our house and the gates of Hell will never blow it down (Matt 16:18). You and I have to start building so God can fulfill his purpose in our lives.

Prayer: Father, thank you for increasing our faith so that we may grow and be closer to you. It's hard but it's fair and we submit to your will. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: Remain in growth mode by using the tools God has given us. Prayer, Praise and his word. Use them all daily.