

## 1.) Introduction

Adult:

1. a person who is fully grown or developed.
2. behave in a way characteristic of a responsible adult, especially by accomplishing mundane but necessary tasks.

### Fully formed and developed:

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.** <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:19-23

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but **we will all be changed,** <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.** 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

### Pursuing Maturity

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15: 58

### Making the choice:

<sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, **choose this day whom you will serve,** whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.** Joshua 24:15

## 2.) Some of the details of adulthood as children---

### Accepting Reality

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way.... Philippians 3:12-16

### Obedience and Discernment

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16:24

### Acknowledge and Repent

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Corinthians 5:10

<sup>10</sup> "I the Lord search the heart, and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Jeremiah 17:10

<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

### 6 bullets from the maturity checklist:

1. Not blame shifting or denying fault
  - a. 1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
2. You get out what you put in
  - a. Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
3. Understanding our roles
  - a. Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
4. Emotional Maturity
  - a. Ephesians 4:26-27 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.
5. Relational Maturity
  - a. Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
6. Spiritual Maturity
  - a. Matthew 16:25-26

Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and **go on to maturity,** not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits. Hebrews 6:1-3

## 3.) This is fun

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25