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 **Galatians 4**

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6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 **Family Personalities Revealed**


Person	Revelation
God the Father	Adopted Father
God the Son	Jesus as only Begotten Son, Our Brother
God the Holy Spirit	Paraklete Our Helper, Comforter, Teacher, Reminder, Guardian

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 **Family Personalities Revealed**

Person	Revelation
Sons and Daughters of God	Family of adopted brothers and sisters

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 **What is the family likeness?**

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Matthew 18

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Matthew 18

4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

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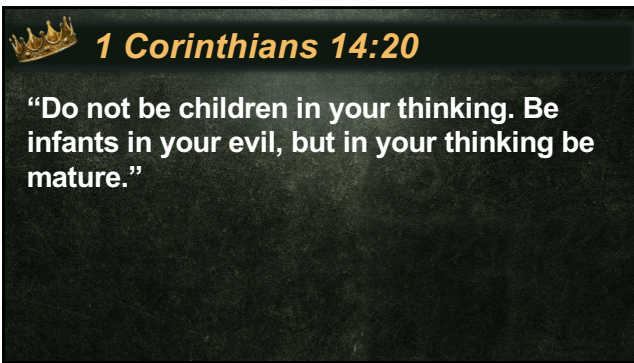
Matthew 18:3 AMP

and said, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless you repent [that is, change your inner self—your old way of thinking, live changed lives] and become like children [trusting, humble, and forgiving], you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

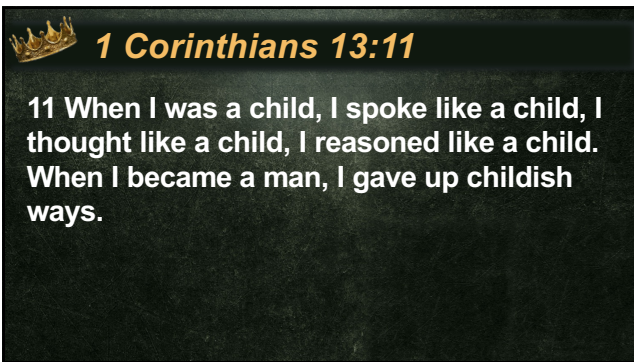
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1 Corinthians 8:1-2

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

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Right Knowing, Right Loving

Right knowing is in the service of loving. And if your knowing doesn't produce loving, you don't know right yet.


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Grow Up to Grown Down

Grow up in our thinking, so that we can grow down in our humility, so that we can have love, humility and faith like a child.

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 **Child-Like**


1. Faith in God and in people
2. Humility
3. Forgiveness
4. Love

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 **Adopted Family Likeness**

1. Child-Like
2. Love for stories

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 **2 Corinthians 1**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings,

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2 Corinthians 1

5...so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

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Revelation 3

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself...

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Gold in Them Thar Hills

We share stories of our trials (testimony) and in the midst of our story we share with others the gold we received in the fire.

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Revelation 12:11 KJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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Adopted Family Likeness

- 1. Child-Like
- 2. Love for stories
- 3. Every person has an important job


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1 Corinthians 12

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

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 **1 Corinthians 12**


15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

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 **Nothing Changes Our Calling**


1. Insecurity doesn't change calling

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 **1 Corinthians 12**


18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

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 **Unchanging Sovereign Decision**


The Lord has sovereignly chosen our place in the body of Christ and it cannot be changed by human will, emotion or action.

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 **Romans 11:29**


29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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 **1 Corinthians 12**


21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you. 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

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 **God Oversees Our Calling**


1. Insecurity doesn't change calling
2. Overly-Independent thinking doesn't change calling

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 **1 Corinthians 12**

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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 **God Oversees Our Calling**

1. Insecurity doesn't change calling
2. Overly-Independent thinking doesn't change calling
3. Holy Spirit distributes and administers the gifts in each Church, each gathering for the common good

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1 Corinthians 12

23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require.

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1 Corinthians 12

24...But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,


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2. Overly-Independent thinking doesn't change calling
3. Holy Spirit distributes and administers the gifts in each Church, each gathering for the common good
4. The Holy Spirit is the great equalizer

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 **1 Corinthians 12**

25that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

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Adopted



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