

PUT THE TOYS AWAY!

I Corinthians 13:11

**God wants Christians and their churches to mature
and grow and stop being childish.**

I. CONSIDER SOME CHILDISH THINGS

A. SQUABBLING SPEECH

1. Quarrelsomeness (1:11-12)
2. Worldliness (3:1-4)
3. Contentiousness (11:13-17)

B. SELFISH THOUGHTS

1. Planning lawsuits (6:4-8)
2. Inconsiderately using liberty (8:9-12)
3. Disregarding others (11:20-22)
4. Not demonstrating the characteristics of love (13:4-7)

C. SHORT-SIGHTED REASONING

1. Bragging about tolerance (5:1-2)
2. Miscalculating what's important (13:1-3)
3. No future nor theological focus (15:32-34)

II. CONSIDER SOME GROWNUP THINGS

A. A CHANGE

1. When I became a man
2. Some struggle with this ... wanting to remain in their childish ways

B. A CHOICE

1. I put away childish things
2. This involves putting away freedom
3. This involves putting away amusements

C. A CHALLENGE

1. Grow Up!
2. Don't be childish! (14:20)
3. Act like men (16:13-14)

D. THE CHARGE

- Be characterized by these ...

1. Unity (1:10)
2. Praise (1:31)
3. Discipline (6:12)
4. Service (9:19)
5. Self-control (9:25)
6. Wisdom (10:23-24)
7. Kindness (10:32-33)
8. Patience (11:33-34)
9. Edification (12:7)
10. Humility (13:12)
11. Orderliness (14:40)
12. Gratitude (15:10)
13. Endurance (15:58)
14. Generosity (16:1-4)
15. Submission (16:15-16)
16. Respect (16:17-18)

CONCLUSION:

Who are you, a child or an adult?

- Are you acting childish or mature?

Review II Peter 3:13-14, 17-18