

#8 Grow Up

1. There's a God-designed relationship between _____ and _____.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV) This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live...

Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT) You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

Galatians 6:5 (NLT) For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Matthew 24:45-46 (NLT) A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.

1 Peter 2:16 (NLT) For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.

2. Immaturity is _____.

Here are 10 symptoms of immaturity:

- Passivity.
- Blame-shifting and excuses.
- Pride.
- Entitlement.
- Procrastination.
- Parasitism.
- Pouting and sulking.

- Retention of anger, resentment, and unforgiveness.
- Disrespect.
- Attention seeking.

2 Samuel 15:1-6 (NIV) In the course of time, Absalom provided himself with a chariot and horses and with fifty men to run ahead of him. He would get up early and stand by the side of the road leading to the city gate. Whenever anyone came with a complaint to be placed before the king for a decision, Absalom would call out to him, "What town are you from?" He would answer, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel." Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your claims are valid and proper, but there is no representative of the king to hear you." And Absalom would add, "If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that they receive justice." Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him. Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

3. Maturity is about _____.

To truly be a responsible person, you must own these 7 areas of your life:

- Steward your life _____.
- Steward your _____.
- Steward your _____.
- Steward your _____.
- Steward your _____.
- Steward your _____ and _____.
- Steward your _____.

4. Growing up is _____.