



# What is an Adult? What is a Child?

**Pt 1:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ positions and roles are \_\_\_\_\_ a reflection of value or importance, they are simply HIS chosen way of establishing His sovereign will.

**Pt 2:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ plans and design are the key to understanding God's current plans and design for living according to His will.

**Follow up:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ design is another key to understanding God's current plans and design. (Revelation 21: 1-8, 22-27, and Revelation 22:1-5)

- a. There will be no more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain
- b. Kings and kingdoms will come and go from Jerusalem, serving Jesus as King
- c. God will be the source of all life, all provision, and all goodness

## We live in the middle:

- a. We know in part what it was like \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
- b. We know in part what it will be like \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
- c. God desires us to live as closely to \_\_\_\_\_ as possible, even as we are impacted by sin, the fall, and the extreme brokenness experienced in all areas of creation.

## What is an adult, and what is a child Biblically?

- a. In Jewish culture and tradition, a person becomes an adult when they reach the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The word "adult," is \_\_\_\_\_ found in the Bible, but adults are referred to as "men" or "women."

Children in the Bible are referred to as babes, babies, infants, boys, girls, little ones, young children, children, and youths. Even the \_\_\_\_\_ are referred to as children (twins) in Romans 9:11.

- c. Therefore, an "adult" is simply defined as "a person who is not a \_\_\_\_\_."

And, a "child" is simply defined as "a person who is not an \_\_\_\_\_."

- d. When the Bible says "boy" it means a \_\_\_\_\_ 19 years of age or less.

When the Bible says "girl" it means a \_\_\_\_\_ 19 years of age or less.

When the Bible says "man" it means a **male** \_\_\_\_\_ years of age or older.

When the Bible says "woman" it means a **female** \_\_\_\_\_ years of age or older.

### Where do we see this illustrated?

- a. In Numbers 14, God pronounced judgement on the nation for not following Him into the promised land.
- Numbers 14:29-30     “In this wilderness your bodies will fall – every one of you **twenty years old or more**, who was counted in the census ...
- Numbers 14:31        “As for your **children (little ones)** that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring in to enjoy the land you have rejected.
- b. Whenever God numbered the people for a census or for military reasons (adult responsibilities), He counted the men who were 20 years old and older.  
(Exodus 38:26; Numbers, chapter 1; II Chronicles 31:17)
- c. In Ezra 3:8 “Levites twenty years old and older” were appointed to supervise the building of the house of the Lord. (Levites were not allowed to serve as priests until 25)

### Where does this understand offer clarity in the understanding of scripture?

- a. I Corinthians 13:11
- b. Ephesians 6:1-2
- c. I Timothy 3:4
- d. Proverbs 22:6

### What clarity do we gain from this understanding of the Biblical “adult” and “child”?

- a. The parents in a child’s life are responsible to \_\_\_\_\_ molding, teaching, and raising them until they are able to function as adults.
- b. Children, not yet fully on their own, are \_\_\_\_\_ to live under the guidance and instruction of their parents.
- c. When a child \_\_\_\_\_ into adulthood, they both gain the **freedom** to direct their own paths, but also take on full **responsibility** for their decisions – both positive and negative.
- d. Parents who lead throughout childhood, and children who accept the guidance, protection, and instruction of their parents, **create the best possible circumstances** for a healthy and nurturing home. And the best possible circumstances for a \_\_\_\_\_ transition into adulthood.
- e. We may not be able to save every child, but if we \_\_\_\_\_ the role of adult (parents) and child, as \_\_\_\_\_ has assigned them, we can and most likely will save our own kids from the consequences of believing the many lies of our culture.  
(sexual sin, gender confusion, radical feminism, depression, anxiety, doctrinal debate, etc.)