

Embracing Life as an Adult

Make God Your Priority

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.” - Matthew 22:36-38

Cultivate Positive Habits

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living, sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:1-2; *see also* 1 Timothy 4:6-10; Hebrews 10:24-25.

- Work
- Finances
- Entertainment
- Relationships

Develop Your Spiritual Gifts

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; *see also* 1 Timothy 3 (qualifications of Elders and Deacons); 1 Corinthians 12 (whole chapter).

Earn a Good Reputation

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. -Proverbs 22:1; *see also* Luke 2:52; 1 Samuel 2:26.

Embrace Responsibility

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12; *see also* 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 1 Corinthians 13:11.

Seek a Mentor and Mentor Others

Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. - Titus 2:3-5; *see also* Proverbs 27:17; Psalm 145:4; Proverbs 22:6; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Matthew 28:19-20.

Practice Humility

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. - James 4:10; *see also* Philippians 2:3; Romans 12:16; Matthew 11:29-30; 1 Peter 5:6.