

Childhood and Adulthood –

Child – young inexperienced, unlearned, dependent on others to survive

Adult – able to care and provide for oneself and support others.

A child:

1. Needs food, (milk, not meat) clothes, shelter
2. Told what to do, how and when to do it (forced to comply)
3. Cant tell between wants and needs
4. Emotional based decisions (governed by feelings)

An Adult –

1. Responsible to work, make a living, doesn't have to be told
2. Provides financially
3. Rationally based decisions (governed by wisdom)
4. Men are responsible for leading: finances, spiritually, etc

A child of God: (the ultimate manhood) able to surrender your “rights” defer your benefits, give God the Glory

1. Dependent on Him
2. Accountable to Him
3. Obedient to Him

Cognitive development

children are still developing their cognitive abilities. We can expect adults to have similar mental abilities that allow us to communicate with each other in a natural way. You can ask adults to perform tasks, trust that they will object if further information is required, and you can expect their answers to be correct, or at least related to the core question.

Kids on the other hand possess differing cognitive abilities. As children grow older, they continuously learn new things and their thinking becomes more abstract. While small kids are very egocentric and believe that everyone sees the world the

way they do, as they get older, they gradually learn to see the world from a different perspective.

Social development

Adults have learned social rules and values. We know how to be empathic and that you should treat others the way you want them to treat you.

Kids can be very self centered. They prize their own needs and interests above those of others. By the time kids get older, this perception of self changes and they become familiar with the concept of empathy. Also, their relationship to others change and they develop their own personality with individual character traits and personal preferences.

Concentration

When it comes to getting adults to perform in a research study, usually an attractive incentive will do the trick. This can be money, a gift card, or as little as some coffee and a piece of cake. Anyways, once you have informed adults about the length of the study and they have agreed to participate, you are set for the rest of the study.

This does not apply to kids. Children might be easy to excite and they will be happy to participate. However, then you still need to make sure they stay with you till you have all your results. Kids are very spontaneous, easily distracted, and their concentration span is very limited.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:11

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Cor 16:13 Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger; stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong;

1 Tim 5:8 –

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

2 Thess 3:10 - For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.

Genesis 3:17-19-23-24 The Message (MSG)

He told the Man: "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from, 'Don't eat from this tree,' the very ground is cursed because of you; getting food from the ground will be as painful as having babies is for your wife; you'll be working in pain all your life long. The ground will sprout thorns and weeds, you'll get your food the hard way, planting and tilling and harvesting, sweating in the fields from dawn to dusk

Ephesians 4:15-16

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Gal 6:2 – your load / your responsibility

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. 4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load.

A "beast of burden" the "burden" of a sea going vessel...

How much can you carry, should you carry? What are you capable of?

Gen 3 – passing the buck, and the blame (not owning responsibility)

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” 11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” 12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Gen 16:5 - letting your wife take responsibility and she manipulates you for it

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.”

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. 3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me.”

The Parable of the Bags of Gold (responsibility)

Matt 25:14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two

bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
