

Luke 7:31-35

At what age do you grow up?

<sup>31</sup>"To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?

**Maturity accepts** . . . . . v31-32

Responsibility requires . . . . .  
 A healthy boundary does not keep everyone out.  
 It marks areas of ownership and responsibility.  
 Healthy boundaries look like this...  
 Responsibility allows . . . . .

<sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

...years in the wilderness. Deuteronomy 8:2-3  
 He will... You can... 1 Corinthians 10:13  
 For the joy set before Him... Hebrews 12:2  
 If I am wise, I will sing my own song.

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.'

**Maturity accepts** . . . . . v33-34

Diversity is . . . . . not acceptance.  
 I do not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.  
 . . . . . the sinner, but . . . . . their sin.

<sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'  
<sup>34</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners".'

Diversity caters for . . . . .

One body, many parts. 1 Corinthians 12:27  
 If I am wise, I will practice helpful habits.  
 Jesus, Luke 4:16. Paul, Acts 17:2. Me, Phil.2:8-9.

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I can . . . . . all people  
 For God so loved the . . . . . John 3:16  
 I can . . . . . some people  
 If I am wise, I will be helpful to others.  
 Carry each other's . . . . ., yet each one should carry their own . . . . . Galatians 6:2,5

<sup>35</sup>But wisdom is proved right by all her children."

My prayer priorities, 15 July 2018

This week's song selection

Be Thou my vision | Shine Jesus shine | Teach me to dance | The way of wisdom (item) | My hope is built | Before the throne of God above | Speak O Lord | Live with abandon

For personal reflection, or group study.

1. When did you realise you were a 'grown up' person?
2. Jesus exercised healthy boundaries. List some ways in which He did that (slide 10).
3. Is it really possible to love the sinner but hate their sin?
4. What are some advantages and disadvantages of many churches? What are the 3 best things about our church?
5. What was Jesus' habit (Luke 4:16), and Paul's habit (Acts 17:2)? Why would they make that practice into a habit?
6. Have you ever been in the situation of loving someone, but not liking them? Has God ever been in that situation?

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