



TALK IT OVER

Adulting

BOTTOM LINE

What you have invested in your relationships in the past will not sustain them in the future.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Pick a satisfying relationship in your life that began at least 10 years ago. How did that person invest in you in the beginning? How has the investment changed over the years until today? Or pick one of your top three relationships now. What makes it so good?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- ["Adulting" in Christ](#) – 3 Ways to Be a Responsible Christian

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7 CSB

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 ESV

Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs. Proverbs 10:12 NIV

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NIV

As long as God's grace is effective, human failure is never final.

"The more I assume positive intent, the better my relationships have become. With these quality relationships, I am more joyful, more loving, and more giving." – Teri Maxwell

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How do you differentiate between a mature adult and an immature one? How does "bearing all things" vary from codependency? How does a responsible, healthy person apply "love covers over all wrongs"? How does this fit with the current expose' of the SBC and the entire #metoo movement? How do we bear all things in a Christ-like way without co-signing evil? How does assuming positive intent differ from naivete? What makes us tend to believe and act as those failure signals finality in our relationships? How can we arrest that thinking? Endurance and perseverance are essential pieces of commitment. The best and most godly relationships endure through intense pressure. How can my relationship with Christ build my ability and willingness to endure and persevere?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I commit to becoming increasingly mature in my relationship with God and my relationships with people. I will focus on the behavior of love instead of giving in to my emotions.

My Action Step: _____
