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Childish Ways

Have you put aside childish ways? What do you mean by that? **Have you stopped thinking like a child? Have you stopped talking like a child? Have you stopped reasoning like a child?** I hope so. I think so. **You're not sure?** No, I'm not sure. Will I ever confidently say that I have completely put aside all my childish ways? **What is your answer to that question?** I doubt it. **Why is that?** I will never be perfect in this life. My thoughts will never be perfect. My words will never be perfect. My deeds will never be perfect. **Does that discourage you?** Not really. **Why is that?** I know that you are working in me day-by-day. I am not the same as I was yesterday. I will be different tomorrow than I am today. Each day you are helping me to put away childish thoughts, words and deeds. Each day you are making me to be more like you. You are helping me to think your thoughts. You are helping me to speak your words. You are helping me to do your deeds. **Yes, I am.** So, I am not discouraged. Instead, I am greatly encouraged. I know that I am your work in progress. I know that you are molding and shaping my life. I know that your work in me will continue every day until I come to meet you face to face. **Yes, it will.**

What will happen when you come to see me face to face? I will be completely changed. **What makes you certain of that?** Now, I see you in part. Now, I am changed in part. I cannot remain the same as I come into your presence. Meeting with you always leaves me changed. **That's right.** When I see you in full, I will be changed completely. When I see you in full your work in me will be finished. When I see you in full, I will completely be the person you have called me to be. When I see you in full, I will have completely put away all my childish ways. **That's right. Continue now, to let me change you, day-by-day until that day.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, many times I have thought, acted and talked like a child. Help me to put all my childish ways away so that I can be all that you want me to be. I need your wisdom, insight and understanding. Help me to know and do your will. Amen

The Mind *I Thought Like A Child*

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NIV 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Reasoned As A Child*

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

NLT 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Thought Like A Child*

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Thought Like A Child*

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside. For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].

AMP 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Used To Think Like A Child*

When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

NASB 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Thought Like A Child*

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

ESV 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Understood As A Child*

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. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Left Those infant Ways*

When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good. We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

MSG 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Thought As A Child Does*

It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face to face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

TLB 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

The Mind *I Thought Like A Child*

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I stopped those childish ways. It is the same with us. Now we see a dim reflection, as if we were looking into a mirror, but then we shall see clearly. Now I know only a part, but then I will know fully, as God has known me.

NCV 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

I Thought Like A Child

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Mind – 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

In Context: *Read 1 Corinthians 13*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What are some examples of what you consider to be childish talk?

What has helped you to put away childish talk in favor of mature talk?

What has matured your thinking and reasoning as you have followed the Lord?

How has the Lord been growing, developing and maturing you as a man or woman of God?

How well can we know now compared to what we will know when we see God face to face?

What childish ways would you like the Lord to help you to put away right now?

When have you recently discovered that you were talking, thinking or acting like a child?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to show you and help you to put away childish ways of thinking, acting or talking.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to put away childish ways so you can become a mature man or woman of God.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God has helped you to put away childish ways of acting.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you put away childish ways so you can be mature in Christ.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will put aside childish ways so I can be mature in you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I put away childish ways and grow mature in you?
