



NORTH FORT BEND  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

# **What GOD Expects from YOUNG ADULTS *Summer Series* 2025**

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# Agenda

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Introduction – “What is ‘Grown’?”

Stewardship vs Management

Relationships

Health

The Future is Now

# What GOD Expects from YOUNG ADULTS

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What does “I am grown” mean?

VS.

What does “being grown” mean?

# Progressive Insurance Commercial 2025 Commencement Address

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*“Graduates,*

*Today, You enter the real world ready for whatever lies ahead except for the following which you’ll likely to find exceedingly difficult:*

*Going to a 9-to-5 job, doing your taxes, putting on a duvet cover, taking off the duvet cover, realizing you're never gonna go to the gym. This guy knows what I am talking about.*

*In summary life is hard but saving money by bundling your home and auto with Progressive is easy. Oh, and deciding what’s for dinner every night for the rest of your life.*

*Thanks.”*

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## Putting Away Childish Things

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### 1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

*“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 put the ways of childhood behind me.”*

- Paul speaks of personal and spiritual development—moving from immaturity to maturity.

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## Setting Priorities

### Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

*“(9) Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; (10) then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”*

- Putting GOD first in the beginning for everything that is done determines long term peace and blessings: **Time – Talent - Treasure**

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## Spiritual Maturity Requires Growth

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### Hebrews 5:12–14 (NIV)

“In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again... But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

- Maturity means progressing from basic teachings (“milk”) to deeper understanding (“solid food”).

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## Learn How to Learn

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### Proverbs 1:5

*'Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.'*

### Proverbs 18:15

*'The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.'*



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## Character Matters More Than Credentials

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### Proverbs 22:1

*'A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.'*

### Proverbs 10:9

*'Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but  
whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.'*

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## Maturity is Measured by CHRIST-likeness

### Ephesians 4:13–15 (NIV)

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ... Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

- The goal of maturity is to become more like Christ.

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## Bearing Fruit is a Sign of Maturity

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John 15:5,8 (NIV)

(5) “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... (8) This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

- Spiritual fruit—such as love, patience, and self-control—is evidence of maturity (Galatians 5:22–23).

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## Endurance and Testing Lead to Maturity

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### James 1:2–4 (NIV)

“(2) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

- Trials are part of God’s way of shaping a mature believer.



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# Cost of Goods & Services (1985 vs. 2025 Annual Equivalent)

- **Housing (Rent):**

- 1985: \$8,000
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$25,000** (3x increase)

- **Food:**

- 1985: \$3,000
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$10,500** (3.5x increase)

- **Gasoline**

- 1985: \$1,000
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$4,800** (4.8x increase)

- **Healthcare:**

- 1985: \$2,000
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$14,000** (7x increase)

- **Education (College Tuition):**

- 1985: \$1,500
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$9,750** (6.5x increase)

- **Transportation (Car, Public Transit, etc.):**

- 1985: \$2,500
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$10,500** (4.2x increase)

- **Clothing:**

- 1985: \$1,200
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$3,000** (2.5x increase)

- **Energy (Electricity, Utilities, etc.):**

- 1985: \$800
- 2025 Equivalent: **\$3,040** (3.8x increase)



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