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## **“The Child Trap”**

*“There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.*

*There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.”*

*(Proverbs 30: 11-13 KJV)*

### **Cater to Me or Die**

**Daniel 3:14-19** – (14) “Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, ‘Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? (15) Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?’ (16) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. (17) If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. (18) But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.’ (19) Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated.”

### **C.H.I.L.D. Checklist**

### **Mature Checklist**

**Consumer-Driven**

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**Hyper-Sensitive**

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**Inconsiderate**

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**Lacking Discernment**

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**Demanding**

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<b>Key Point: Childhood is a Stage not a Permanent Status</b>
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## **Response:**

### **Shift from Immaturity to Maturity**

**1 Corinthians 13:11** – “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.*”

### **Shift from Consuming to Producing**

**Hebrews 5:12-13** – (12) “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, (13) for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, *since he is a child.*”

### **Shift from Shallowness to Sorting**

**Hebrews 5:14** – “But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Does our culture worship childhood?

What are children susceptible to? (Eph. 4:14)

Am I a whining, blaming, emotionally volatile child in a large body?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)