

Some Marks of Immaturity

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No one wants to be called “immature,” and just about everyone wants to be viewed as “mature.”

Adolescence for most people is necessarily, due to limited wisdom and limited experience, filled with indications of immaturity. Blessed are those who realize it. It is sad, however, when adults, whether young, middle-aged or old, never reach maturity, but continue to show all kinds of signs of immaturity.

Here are some marks of immaturity:

.. Being more concerned about yourself than about others, even those close to you. In its worse form, being only concerned about self and not at all about others, no matter how close they may be to you.

.. Being resentful of criticism or correction and responding by rationalizing to justify your conduct or misconduct and by attacking those who criticize you or try to correct you.

.. Wanting to have your way so much that you will not give in or change your mind, but you resort to “rule or ruin” and become very difficult to live with if you do not have your way.

.. Being easily influenced by others, especially in the wrong way. While exerting very little influence for good upon others, you allow others to exert influence for evil upon you. Your thinking and attitudes are determined more by the thinking and attitudes of the people you are with.

.. You prefer the company of people who will not help you to be a good person, a good citizen, a good Christian, but who will only pull you in the other direction. You choose as your friends those who in the long run will only hurt you, not help you.

.. Turning against the very people who have done the most for you, who still care the most about you, and who would be true friends.

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