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parents are?**



**What makes someone
a grown up?**



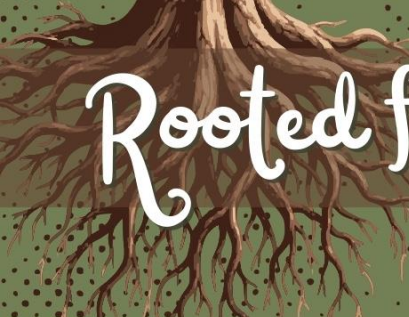
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Colossians 1:1-8

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

The Supremacy of Christ

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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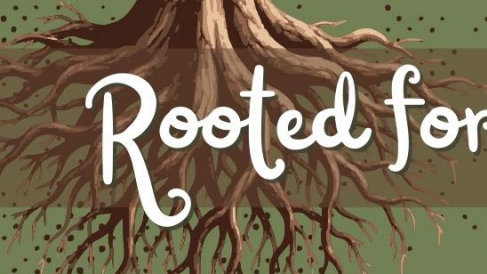
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Colossians 1:15-20



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²³ These have indeed **an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion** and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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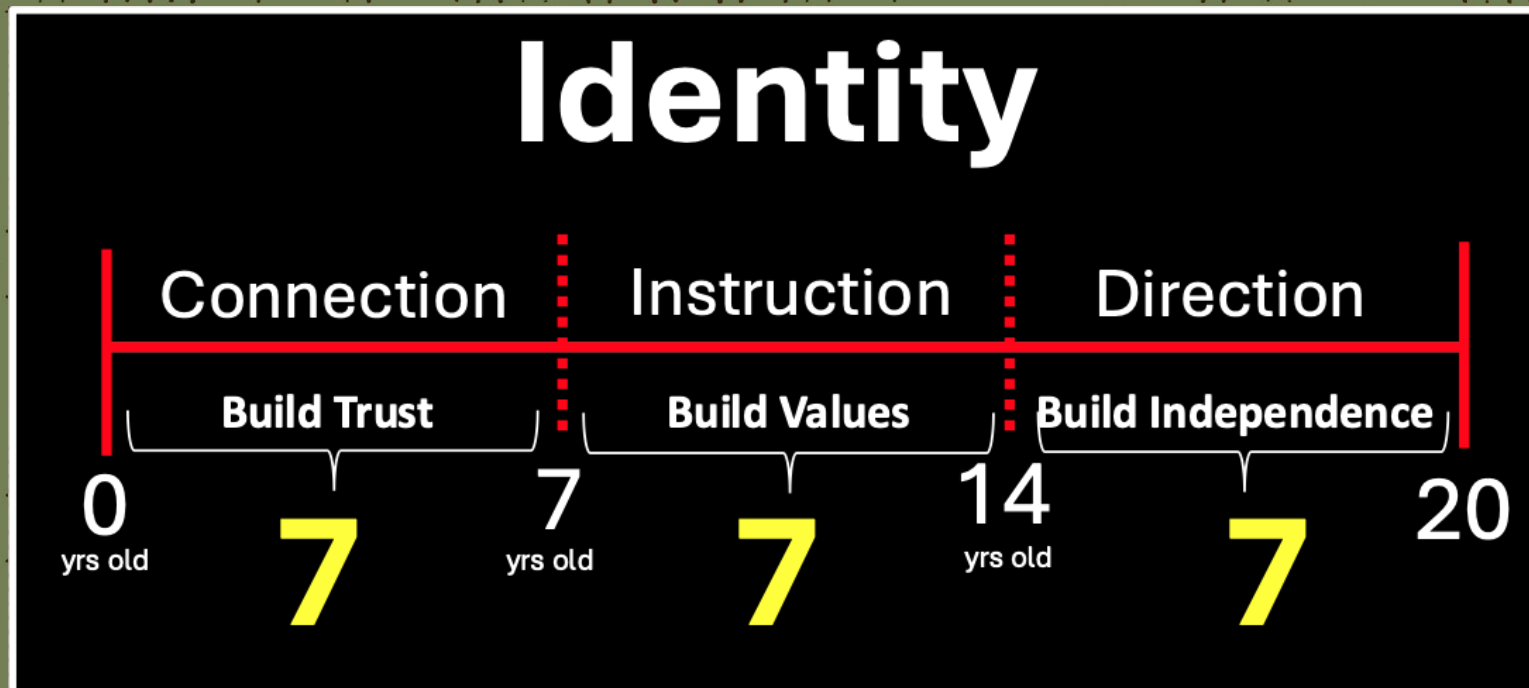
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Every person ultimately ought to be motivated by the fact that we all answer to God for what we do and what we say, whether he or she is in charge or under authority.

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- ² **Continue steadfastly in prayer**, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.
- ⁵ **Walk in wisdom toward outsiders**, making the best use of the time.
- ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

⁷ **Tychicus** will tell you all about my activities.

He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.

⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose,

that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,

⁹ and with him **Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you.

They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ **Aristarchus** my fellow prisoner greets you, and **Mark** the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),

¹¹ and **Jesus who is called Justus**.

These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

Appreciate the reality that God uses people as one of the tools in helping others become mature.

Who have those people been in your life?
Who did God create you to become?

Tychicus: faithful and reliable

Onesimus: teachable

Aristarchus: courageous

Mark: humble and brave

Jesus Justus: compassionate

Epaphras: deeply committed

Luke: an anchor

Demas: wasted potential

Nympha: generous

Archippus: great potential



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So.....Therefore.....What Now



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How do you know if you are growing?

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TRUTH + GRACE

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“What is one thing your family wants to grow in together?”



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