Adulting #5 "From Temporary Pleasure to Eternal Rewards"
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
[24] Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize. [25] Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown. [26] So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. [27] Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

A Childish View of Temporary Pleasure
(the perishable crown)

1. If it feels good to me, I should do it. (Philippians 3:19)
2. Other people exist for my pleasure. (Prov 11:1)
3. I pursue immediate gratification. (James 5:7-8)
4. This life is all that matters. (1 Cor 9:25)

A Christian View of Eternal Rewards
(the imperishable crown)

1. Ultimate, eternal joy comes from knowing God, not obeying the flesh. (John 15:9-11)
2. We love and serve others as Jesus has loved and served us. (Galatians 5:13-14)
3. We live with patient wisdom today for long-term blessings. (Prov 22:1)
4. What we do with this life echoes in eternity. (Matthew 16:26)

So What?

- Repent from sin.
- Trust Jesus for eternal life.
- Live today for what lasts forever.