

“AT THE TIME HE KNOWS ENOUGH”

Isaiah 7:15



WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- There is an inherent innocence associated with childhood (Matt. 18:3-4; 1 Corinthians 14:20).
- There is a clear time in our lives where we are not old enough to comprehend the difference between good and evil in meaningful ways (Isaiah 7:15-16; Rom. 7:9).
- Accountability is connected to what you are capable of knowing (Rom. 1:18-25).
- This goes all the way back to the beginning (Gen. 2:25).
- But there is more to it than good and evil.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU?

- Paul talks about this dynamic in terms of Israel's relationship to the Law (Gal. 4:1-2).
- We see this distinction in Ezekiel 18:20.
- Can you stand before the congregation as an individual (1 Cor. 5:3-4)?
- Are you capable of entering into a covenant (Matt. 10:34-38; Eph. 5:31).



HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST?

- One more consideration here is whether or not you know what you're getting into (Lk. 14:28-32).
- Jesus challenges those who say they want to follow him (Lk. 9:57-62).
- What is your motive in coming to Jesus (Jn. 6:26-27).



ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- We have an example of God using age to determine accountability (Num. 14:28-29).
- We have examples of young men who display accountable behavior (2 Chron. 34:3; Lk. 2:42).
- Isaiah 7:15-16 might give us something to push the age from the other end.
- What to do with baptisms where someone is not confident (Acts 8:9-23; Num. 20:8-12; 1 Jn. 1:9).

