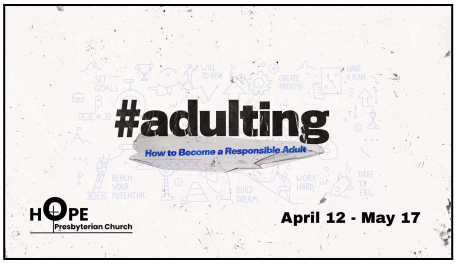
Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

April 19, 2026

"Be Good"
#2 in the series
#adulting: ***How to Become a Responsible Adult***

Scripture Texts (NIV)
Proverbs 3:27-30, Luke 10:33-25, Galatians 5:22



1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Every generation has its own version of "adulting" - the tasks or actions required to be a responsible adult.
   - From your perspective, have the expectations for being a responsible adult changed over time?
     - If so, how and why?
   - In your experience, what characteristics of adulting have remained constant?

3. **Read Proverbs 3:27-28.**
   We are cautioned against withholding good from those who need it.
   - What does it mean to be good toward someone?
     - What might acts of goodness look like?
   - When have you been the recipient of someone's goodness toward you?
   - Why might we be reluctant to respond with goodness to someone in need?

4. **Read Proverbs 3:29-30.**
   We are urged to consider our neighbor when it comes to doing good.
   - Have you ever had a neighbor with whom it was difficult to *be good*?
   - How do you respond to the following ideas about responding with goodness?
     - *Maturity is learning to recognize when goodness and wisdom are already in your hands*.
     - *Goodness can be sewarded - doing good now and doing good later.*

5. **Read Galatians 5:22.**
   - What does Paul's reference to the fruits of the spirit suggest about how we develop the capacity to respond with goodness?
   - What do you think Paul meant by saying there is "no law" against the fruits of the spirit, including goodness?
   - Food for thought: Where is good already in your power?

6. How can we pray for you?