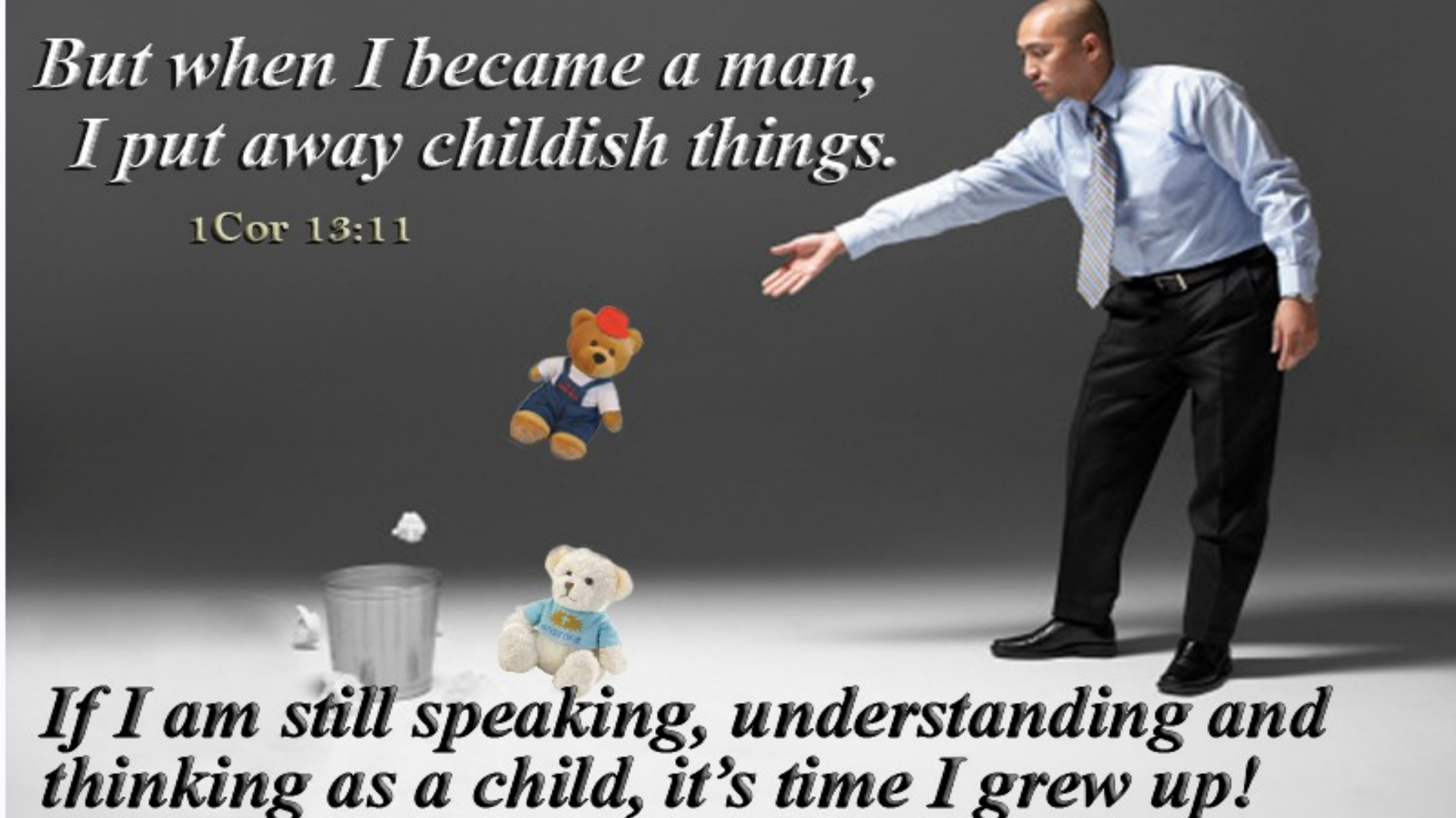
Put Away Childish Things

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.


But when I became a man,
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1Cor 13:11
If I am still speaking, understanding and thinking as a child, it's time I grew up!

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What we learn in First Corinthians 13 is that the members of the church in Corinth, although, endowed with miraculous gifts (for the purpose of confirming God's word- Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:1-4) were guilty of acting like children.

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- **What were the childish things that they were supposed to put away?**

- **JEALOUSY**
- **ENVY**
- **ARROGANCE**
- **BOASTING**
- ***BULLYING??***

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- *They were……*

ARROGANT

- **They thought that their gift or maybe even their standing in society made them a more important piece of the church family.**
- **I Cor. 12:12-31**
- **There may have been tension between Jews and Greeks, slaves and free.**

- *They were……*

COMPETITIVE

- **They thought that their gift was more important than other gifts.**
- **I Cor. 14:1-12**
- **It appears that the congregation had an infatuation with speaking in tongues.**

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- *They were……*

RUDE

- **They turned up their noses to their brethren in the belief that their brethren were inferior or less significant. They didn’t treat them with love.**
- **I Cor. 11:20-22**

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- **The answer to putting away the childishness was to become loving people.**
- **Paul says that everything hinges on this.**
  - Listen to his opening comments in I Cor. 13.
  - Now remember, we are talking about a congregation full of Christians.
  - So, what's the point for us?
  - **ARE WE LOVING PEOPLE?**

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- Have we labored in vain?
- Have we wasted hour upon hour at worship services?
- Have we wasted thousands and thousands of dollars in support of our congregation?
- Have we wasted our good deeds and benevolent activities?
- Have we wasted study hour after study hour?

TODAY IS THE DAY TO PUT AWAY CHILDISH THINGS!