

Parallel Learning Technology

Self-identity During Transitional Passage Beginning Self-Identity

A passage to adulthood occurs somewhere within the stage of adolescence. To a great extent, parenting determines when and if this happens.

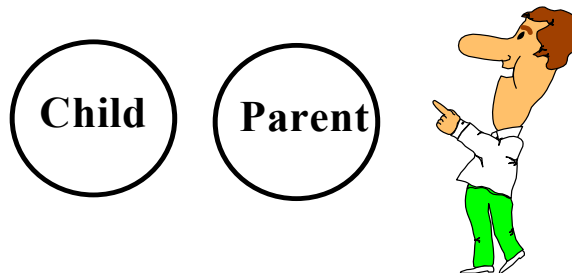
Three essential factors are involved in this maturation process:

- The adolescent is given the right to make decisions (authority).
- The adolescent is given the right to act on these decisions (responsibility).
- The adolescent is able to take authority and responsibility for the consequences of their decisions and actions (accountability)

A reciprocal process must occur during this passage in which the parents teach, approve, and unconditionally love the child, and the adolescent accepts and acknowledges they have received these gifts.

When this occurs, the false ego drops away and a true **Self-Identity** begins to form.

The adolescent begins to see them self as “different but equal” to the parent. An independent adult is born.



(Excerpt: *Kids Don't Come with an Owner's Manual*, p. 10,
Passage to Adulthood, Chapter 6)