

Age of Opportunity

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(Lot of help from Tripp's book A Quest for More!)

BIG IDEA: You and I were created to be part of something _____!

RHETORICAL QUESTION: What would you consider to be the greatest parenting accomplishment that a parent of a teenager could attain?

“There is woven inside each of us a _____ for something more – a _____ to be part of something _____, _____, and more _____ than our relatively meaningless day-by-day existence.” (Tripp, A Quest for More, pg. 14)

- In street language, we want to know that our life is _____ in the grand scheme of things!
- Gen. 1 & 2 ... notice the _____ of human beings!
How are humans different than the rest of God's creation?
- “We were never meant to be _____ little kings ruling _____ little kingdoms with a population of _____.” (Tripp, A Quest for More, pg. 17)
- Four implications from Gen. 1&2:
 1. _____ **glory** – we were made to be more connected with what is _____ us than _____ us.
 2. _____ **glory** – we were created to do more than take care of _____.
 3. _____ **glory** – we were made to _____ one another.

4. _____ **glory** – we were created to transcend the boundaries of our own _____, _____, and _____.

- In a fallen world there is a powerful _____ to constrict our life to the shape and size of our _____.

WHY DOES ANY OF THIS MATTER?

- While parenting teenagers, the enemy (Satan) will often tempt us ... and our teens ... with _____ we think is more glorious than the glories for which we were created.
 1. Glory of success
 2. Glory of peer approval
 3. Glory of being served
 4. Glory of power
 5. Glory of being right
- Parents of teenagers tend to characterize their experience as _____ instead of _____.
 1. “Terrible Twos” all over again!
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 3. Spiritual questions
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