

Age of Opportunity

Lesson 2

BIG IDEA: You and I need to recognize the _____ moments of change embedded in the _____ moments of life!

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

- Parents are _____ of their teenagers ... why?
- One reason is the _____ turmoil of puberty:
 1. Gender differentiation
 2. Zits!!
 3. Height ... growth of appendages
 4. Voice
 5. Other

“The notion that the body is a _____ turns scientists and doctors into _____, as they become the only ones who can tell us what the human body is. Yet the body is something _____ than the genes, bones, muscles, blood, and other parts that compose it.”

(Anderson, Earthen Vessels, pg. 56)

A Unique Strategy

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What “lusts” (desires, temptations) uniquely plague the young?

1. Righteousness
2. Faithfulness
3. Love
4. Peace

How do these virtues provide an antidote to “youthful lusts”?

Compare 1 Timothy 6:6-11

- Before we think we’ve mastered the teenage years, remember that “these years are _____ for us because they expose the _____ thoughts and desires of our _____ hearts.” (Tripp, pg. 17)
- Is it possible that the struggles of the teenage years are made more _____ and _____ because we react violently to the image of _____ that’s portrayed in our teens? (*colorful language intended for effect*)

Three Doors of Opportunity

“These are the (BIG) _____ God made parents for. You are God’s _____ on the watch. You have been given an incredibly _____.” (Tripp, pg. 22)

- Teenage _____
What desires (passions) does Tripp say form the building blocks of rebellion in the heart of a teen?
- Teenage _____
- Teenage _____

Tripp lists several biblical themes that can be addressed during these “moments of opportunity” ... do you remember what they are?

BOTTOM LINE: _____ the dark, foreboding cynicism of our culture and _____ your role as an “agent of progressive change” in the life of your teenager!

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