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(Tripp, pg. 30)
Ezekiel 14:1-5
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Why is it a waste of time for parents to think about strategies for parenting without first examining themselves? (Question #2)
 2. Idolatry occurs when our _____ become more important than the _____ of God.

3. "Our idols have caused us to see opportunity as _____ and caused us to strike back at our teenagers with bitter words of _____, _____, and _____." (Tripp, pg. 31)

Typical Parental Idols

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What's wrong with expecting peace, ease, and harmony from our teens?
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(Tripp, pg. 32) *Agree or disagree? Why?*
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