

Age of Opportunity

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BIG IDEA: God intends the _____ to function as His primary _____ community.

RHETORICAL QUESTION: What “life lessons” have you taught your teenager lately?

- Family life provides _____ opportunities to instruct our teens to form a biblical _____.
 1. Judges 2:10 – the tragic consequence of _____, _____, and/or _____ parenting!
 2. Deuteronomy 6:1-12 – how can something like that be said ... the nation was _____ and challenged at the same time!
 3. “... the family is your _____.” (Tripp, pg. 41)

*How does a “family setting” differ from a “school classroom setting”?
What are the benefits and risks of both?*

- “The more _____ our understanding of our children, the more _____ we will be at doing what God has called us to do.” (Tripp, pg. 43)

Who Are Those Creatures?

- Our teens are _____ beings
 1. All people have been created to _____, love, serve, and obey God, not to live _____, self-oriented, self-sufficient, and _____ lives.
 2. **If** our teens are not living in light of the former, they will invariably be living out the _____!

3. _____ is not just an adult concept – it accurately describes the _____ of the human heart.
- Our teens are _____ beings
 1. Not only have our teens been created for a relationship with _____, but they have also been created to live in _____ with others.
 2. _____ is the biggest enemy of God’s design for community!
 3. Biblical data:
 - Our teens are _____
 1. It may surprise you, but all teens are _____!

What do teens think about? Do God and His Word have anything to say about these things?

2. “(Teens) will try to _____, _____, and explain the things that go on _____ them and _____ of them.” (Tripp, pg. 46)
 3. In the perfect environment of the Garden of Eden, Adam still needed _____ instruction. (See Genesis 2)
 4. Daily, mundane activities and conversations are ripe with opportunities to communicate a _____, _____ perspective of life.
- Teen _____ flows from the inclinations and desires of their _____. (See Proverbs 4:23 & Luke 6:43-45)
 1. The _____ cause of teen behavior adds another level of responsibility to Paul’s command in Eph. 6:4.
 2. The correction of _____ should not be a parent’s _____ and/or exclusive goal.
 3. “Our goal is to be used of God to _____ and _____ the hearts of our children so that they _____ to behave in ways that please the Lord.” (Tripp, pg. 48)

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