

Age of Opportunity

Lesson 12

BIG IDEA: Like it or not ... since the _____ of our children, we've been _____ them to leave home.

RHETORICAL QUESTION: *How satisfied are you with the preparation you've made for your teen to leave home?*

REVIEW

- **GOAL #1** ... Help our teens recognize that they're in a spiritual battle AND help them strategize how to become a spiritual warrior.
- **GOAL #2** ... Help our teens develop a heart of conviction and wisdom.
- **GOAL #3** ... Teach our teens to respond biblically to the culture:
 1. Wisely apply biblical principles
 2. Alertly identify worldly themes and philosophies
 3. Redemptively engage our culture
- **GOAL #4** ... Develop a heart for God in our teens.
- **GOAL #5** ... Biblically prepare our teens to _____ home.

When Are They Mature?

- Christ is the model for our preparation:
 1. _____ - we don't compromise God's high standards for _____, but **we must** greet the _____ of our teens with the accepting _____ of Christ.
 2. _____ - **we must** model for our teens the _____ of Christ in every facet of our life.
 3. _____ - although we function as a God-ordained _____ in the relationship we have with our teens, **we must** _____ to them that we stand _____ them spiritually.

4. _____ - we must make every attempt to _____ the people, the pressures, the responsibilities, the opportunities, the _____ our teens face every day.

- "... the Bible presents maturity as a _____ goal ... So what are we looking for here? ... we want to see _____ of maturity in their lives." (Tripp, pg. 198)
- Colossians 1:9-14 ... six characteristics of maturity in Paul's prayer:
 1. Sensitivity to _____
 2. _____ godliness
 3. Progressive spiritual _____
 4. _____
 5. An appreciation of God's _____
 6. _____ awareness

That Fruit Called "Maturity"

- Acceptance of personal _____

In what areas of life do you want your teen to accept personal responsibility? How are you preparing them to do this?
- Applied biblical _____
 1. "... the maturing teenager will erect his own _____." (Tripp, pg. 204)
 2. Trust is _____, not _____ ... teens are deemed trustworthy when they _____ display moral _____ and practical _____.
- _____ spirit

How can we as parents foster this kind of attitude?
- _____ self-assessment
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 2. _____
- Appropriate _____ on material things

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