

Age of Opportunity

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RHETORICAL QUESTION: How do you plan to accomplish the discipleship of your teen?

- While discipling our teens we need to remember: *“what we observe about teenagers applies to _____ as well ... our teenagers are more like us than they are _____ us.”* (Tripp, pg. 214)

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STRATEGY #1: Project Parenting

- “Project Parenting” means that teen parents remain _____, _____, and _____ when it comes to the daily encounters they have with their teens.
- A wise pastor once said *“No one grows in _____.”*
- Two things parents must focus on:
 1. Developing a _____ of God
 2. Developing an _____ view of themselves

What are some sources that our teens use to formulate their own assessment of who they are?

- Psalm 36:1-4 ... the direct result of a failure to develop in these areas is the inability to be _____ and do _____.

STRATEGY #2: Constant Conversation

- Hebrews 3:12-13 why should we be constantly conversing with our teenagers?
 1. In order to protect them from _____,

unbelief, rejection of _____, and the _____ of their hearts.

2. In order to prevent _____ blindness.
- Some practical help:
 1. Don't capitulate to the _____ your teen has introduced to his/her relationship with you.
 2. Initiate meaningful _____ at times other than when your teen has done something wrong.
 3. _____ your teen even when you and your pursuit is not appreciated.

STRATEGY #3 – Leading Your Teen to Repentance

- *“What many parents mourn, as their children enter the teen years, is their loss of _____.”* (Tripp, pg. 227)

Agree or disagree? Why?

- Four steps to leading teens to repentance and reconciliation:
 1. _____ - helping our teens see things about themselves that they are _____ or _____ to see.

Why does Tripp say that our teens will remain passive or become defensive if we declare what is wrong?
 2. _____ - helping our teens take ownership of their sin.
 3. _____ - helping our teens forge a new direction in their behavior and their attitude.

Why are “statements of commitment” important?

4. _____ - helping our teens express their commitment in concrete and identifiable ways.
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