

Age of Opportunity

Lesson 14

BIG IDEA: Change is a PROCESS, not an EVENT.

RHETORICAL QUESTION: *How do you plan to get from where you are today to where you need to be as a parent?*

- There is no final HARVEST until the final HARVEST ... until then we keep PLANTING, WATERING, and TILLING the soil.

Twenty Small Steps to Get from Here to There

- Never give in to the thinking that it's TOO LATE
- Stay CALM
- Keep the CONVERSATION open
- Demonstrate how the Bible interprets, explains, and organizes life
- Be willing to bare your own STRUGGLES
- Keep CHRIST and His work central
- You're a SINNER so don't be surprised at your teenager's struggle with sin
- Identify the "VOICES" in your teenager's life
- Plan for TEMPTATION

- Make ACCOUNTABILITY your teenager's responsibility
- Be a good LISTENER and a good OBSERVER
- Don't give in to "problem ALLERGY"
- Always keep the HEART in focus
- Do your biblical HOMEWORK first
- Always talk to your teenager lovingly and CONSTRUCTIVELY
- Be willing to overlook MINOR offenses
- Always deal HONESTLY with your own attitudes
- EXPECT, WELCOME, and respect differences
- Look for OPPORTUNITIES to put your teenager in the decision-making role
- Humbly admit your LIMITS