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Recommended Reading

Age of Opportunity by Paul David Tripp

Parenting Today's Adolescent by Dennis and Barbara Rainey

Course outline:

Week 1 – God's Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family to the Church & the World

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can't Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – The Teen Years

Week 11 -- Children, Technology & Social Media

Week 12 – The Gospel and the Overzealous Parent

Week 13 – Panel Discussion



Parenthood

Week 10

The Teen Years

I. Introduction – “The Big Picture”

II. A Season of Change

- Physical Changes
- Intellectual Changes
- A Changing Relationship
- New Dangers / Traps

III. What does the Bible say about teenagers?

Some dangers for youth:

- No desire for wisdom or correction – Proverbs 1:2-4, 12:15, 13:1,18, 14:15-16, 15:5,20, 17:25, 26:12

- Legalism – Proverbs 22:6, Philippians 3:7-11. Are we training them up to so that they know their only hope, their only life, their only joy is in Christ? Or is behavior modification our main thrust?
- Sexual temptation – Proverbs Chs 5-7
- Unwise choices in companions – Proverbs 1:15, 13:20, 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Absence of eternal perspective – Psalm 39:4-6, 90:10-12, James 4:13-17, 1 Peter 1:24-25, 1 John 2:15-17,
- Lack of heart awareness – Deuteronomy 4:9, Proverbs 4:23

IV. How to Pastor our Teens

Keeping the main goals in view:

1. Focus on the gospel and spiritual battle
2. Developing a heart for God and hatred for sin

3. Developing a heart of wisdom and conviction of truth
4. Understanding and reacting wisely with the culture
5. Preparing our teens to leave

Practical thoughts as we pursue the goals:

- Be in much prayer
- Be deliberate and intentional
- Constant conversation
- Ask good questions
- Avoid lecturing too much
- Keep Christ and His gospel at the center