

## WEEK # 3

### TEENAGERS PART 3 THE DEFINITION OF AN ADULT

Today I want to give you **half** of all that's involved in **guaranteeing** a fantastic, successful, joyous, victorious time with your teenagers.

The Method is \_\_\_\_\_

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:15 – 17 – Paul Defines**

- He says to the Corinthians, "...in Christ Jesus, I became your **father**."
- He goes on from there and says, "I urge you to \_\_\_\_\_ me."
- He defines fatherhood as **modeling**.
- The attitudes that **you** live will be **imparted** to your children.

#### **Last Week**

- Definition of a Child - forced responsibility.
- Another Way to Say It - someone who \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility.
- Biggest Area - when you resist responsibility for your \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Definition of an Adult:

Seeks \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help me know Jesus.

- The opposite of resisting responsibility is not to resist it but to seek it.
- The ultimate goal is to know Him.
- Children answer to their \_\_\_\_\_. Adults answer to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a demonic deception that some people live by: "Children answer to their parents. As an adult, I don't answer to \_\_\_\_\_."
- If you believe that, it shrinks your willingness to seek the advice of others.
- The result is you'll produce a teenager who thinks they answer to no one, and you deserve the hell you get!
- You reproduce who you are.
- If you're a man of God, you say "Son answering your parents is a piece of cake compared to answering to God."
- When you seek counsel, you ought to seek counsel from those who \_\_\_\_\_ you the most, are the most \_\_\_\_\_ to you, and who know you the \_\_\_\_\_.
- What human being loves you the most, is most loyal to you, and knows you the best? Your \_\_\_\_\_. After your mate, your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Example of Asking Your Kids for Help

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### Bottom Line Question

How many of you want your 16 – 18 year olds seeking \_\_\_\_\_ counsel on their morals, friends, and walk with the Lord?

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:15-17 says your kids become **who you are**. Nobody in the world does this because they believe children answer to parents and parents answer to no one.

This is the atom bomb of power in raising kids.

**Ages 0 – 5 : Build Discipline**

**Ages 6 – 18 : Build Friendship**

- What is the difference between your casual friends and close friends?
- Your close friends are the ones from whom you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ages 6 – 18 is when you build a close friendship with your young adult.

**Do this and you're guaranteed.**

**Don't do this and you're also guaranteed.**

### **Ten Scriptures From Proverbs**

1. 1:5 – a man of understanding will acquire or seek out counsel.
2. 11:14 – many advisors make victory sure.
3. 12:1 – he who hates correction is stupid.
4. 12:15 – a wise man listens to advice.
5. 13:10 – wisdom is found in him who takes advice.
6. 15:22 – plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.
7. 19:20 – accept instruction and end the end you will be wise.
8. 20:18 – make plans by seeking advice.
9. 21:2 – all a man's ways seem right to him but the Lord weighs the heart. A \_\_\_\_\_.
10. 24:6 – for victory you need many advisors.

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### 7 Areas Where You Can Seek Your Kids' Advice

1. The \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Your \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Your \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Your \_\_\_\_\_.

Do **Not** Seek Your Kids Advice on \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4 Fantastic Fruits of Seeking Your Teen's and Pre-Teen's Advice

**F** \_\_\_\_\_ - if you want your kids to respect you, this is the greatest gift you could ever give them.

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ - lecturing as instruction ceases to be effective at \_\_\_\_\_ years old. God began to prepare them for adulthood, and no adult likes to be lectured. God wants you to begin mixing instruction with seeking advice. (Examples).

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ - from your child's perspective, if you seek their advice than Jesus is your Lord. If you don't, He's not your Lord.

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ - if you can bring your family together, you are ready to be an executive in any company. A leader, when he seeks advice, never points out the negative in that advice as his first response.

### Two Conclusions

# 1 – **The Psalm 1 Warning** - you are warned to never seek counsel from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- The first five years is when you establish discipline.
- How to know if you've done well establishing discipline -- Tone of voice and Repeated commands.
- You then enter into the time when you start building a friendship.
- At 6 – 10 years old it is a sweet thing to seek your pre-teen's advice.
- You can't do that if you skip stage 1 (Examples).

# 2 – **A Word to Teenagers** – how to melt my parents (or how to be given great freedom by my parents). Two things:

- Take \_\_\_\_\_ for your actions.
- Seek your parent's \_\_\_\_\_. Even if your parents are children, you be an adult.