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Transition to Adulthood – Right of Passage Weekend

A “Rite of Passage Weekend” is a weekend (or a few days) set aside to usher your son or daughter into adulthood. This celebration event will serve as the official marker for when a parent shifts their view of their child from adolescent to adult. It focuses on the passing along of wisdom from influential adults in the life of the student as well as highlighting the characteristics of a Godly man/woman.

We strongly suggest (if possible) that this weekend is led by the father in the case of a son and the mother in the case of a daughter. We believe that the best person (not the only person, but the best) to guide a teenage girl towards Godly character as a woman is her mother and the best person to guide a teenage boy toward Godly character as a man is his father.

Up North Camping Trip

For guys, we suggest an “Up North Camping Trip” (this is only a suggestion, not the only option for how to spend your weekend).

During this camping trip, we believe it to be important and will be impactful to invite any men who have served as mentors/role models in the life of your son. The exact schedule of the weekend is up to you as the parent, but we suggest including “mentor meals” or “mentor activities”. These meals allow for students to have interaction with specific mentors providing time to talk about living life as a Godly man. (ex. Breakfast with Small Group Leader/Lunch with Uncle/Dinner with Dad) Another option, we call “mentor activities” where each mentor takes the student out for a shared activity and has time to intentionally share wisdom and truth. (ex. fishing with Grandpa/collecting firewood with Dad/building a fire with an older brother)

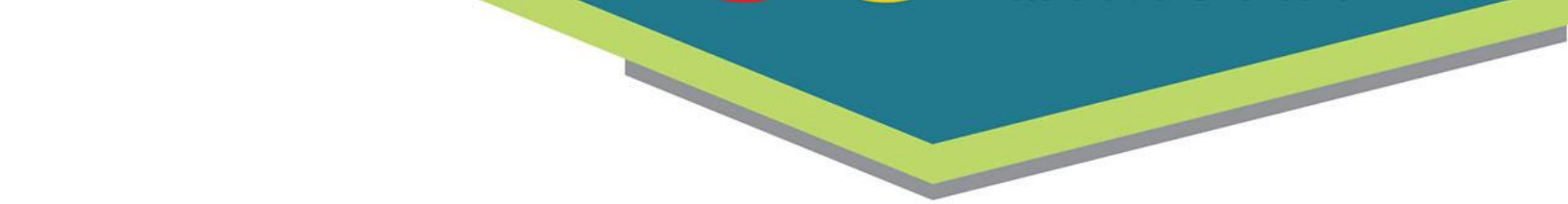
The weekend should also feature time set aside for your son to find solitude and set goals. He will set specific goals for his life as a Godly man by spending time alone with his bible and by spending time with God in prayer.



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The weekend will close with the father officially telling his son that he is now considered a man by him and his family. This is a time of sharing new expectations and standards for the student. The father/mentors will close with a prayer of benediction (bestowing a blessing on the student from those who will hold him accountable for living as a Godly man)

*While the mother may not be involved in the actual trip, she will play a role in helping to set the new expectations and standards as well as help write the benediction prayer. We know that it is important for the mother to communicate that she too sees her son as a man moving forward.

Treat Yourself Weekend

For girls we suggest a "Treat Yourself Weekend" (this is only a suggestion, not the only option for how to spend your weekend).

During this weekend of pampering and fun, we believe that it would be important and impactful to invite women who have served as mentors/role models in the life of your daughter. The exact schedule of the weekend is up to you as the parent, but we suggest including "mentor meals" or "mentor activities". The meals allow students to have interaction with specific mentors providing time to talk about living life as a Godly woman. (ex. Breakfast with Small Group Leader/Lunch with Aunt/Dinner with Mom) Another option, we call "mentor activities" where each mentor takes the student out for a shared activity. This is a time to intentionally share wisdom and truth. (ex. coffee with Grandma/shopping with Mom/nails & hair with Aunt)

This weekend should feature time set aside for your daughter to find solitude and set goals. She will set specific goals for her life as a Godly woman after spending time alone with her bible and by spending time with God in prayer.

The weekend will close with the mother officially telling her daughter that she is now considered a woman by her and her family. This is a time of sharing new expectations and standards for the student. The mother/mentors will close with a prayer of benediction (bestowing a blessing on the student from those who will hold her accountable for living as a Godly woman).

*While the father may not be involved in the actual weekend, he will play a role in helping to set the new expectations and standards as well as help write the benediction prayer. We know that it is important for the father to communicate that he too sees his daughter as a woman moving forward.

