

ENGAGE YOUR FAITH BY...

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Pray with your student. Ask them to pray for the things they want to prioritize in the upcoming years. Have them pray specifically for the ways they want to prioritize their faith, and how they can flee from the ways of the world. Then repeat these things in your prayer time throughout the months and years to come.

RESOURCES...

> Web

www.thetruth.com

fightthenewdrug.org



MOUNTAINPARK
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PURITY

12TH GRADE
GIRLS & BOYS

LIFE LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE...

Everything is coming to a close and you only have one more year to influence your students decisions. At this point, your previous parenting has formed them into who they are, and now the game plan is about training them up for the years ahead. There are a few important purity conversations to have before they move into the next phase of life. This includes discussing what their major values are and how they will set up accountability for these values in adulthood.

YOU PARENT THEM WELL WHEN YOU...

KNOW:

As your student is moving towards graduation they'll likely have many growing fears. Behind the questions of where they will be in a year and what they will be studying, is a deeper question of will they succeed or fail. Being able to identify their values and plan toward accountability will help calm their anxieties as they move into the next opportunity in life.

EXPECT:

Their identified values may not be exactly as you would want them. The past several years you have been able mold and shape their purity values, but now they have locked those values in. As a parent, this can be difficult. Expect their future dating life to not be traditional. Dating apps are gaining more and more popularity and their dating journey will most likely look different than what yours may have.

PREPARE:

Prepare to keep in touch. As they head off to the next thing (work, school, or traveling) keep in touch. Ask about their values and write them down so you can talk about the things that matter in the future. As you dig into their values and the ways they desire to live pure, you have to record them now in order to impact their future.

TALK:

Don't just talk about what their values are, but why those things are their values. Discuss the deeper meaning behind making choices centered around purity. They are able to philosophize and hold deeper conversations, so ask hard questions and challenge them where they need to be challenged.

NEXT STEPS ARE...

Preemptive Conversations

Take some time this year to go through their values on the topics below. You can do this casually in the midst of an average week, or on a trip out of town. The topics below are not exhaustive, but will help them understand where they stand on important issues that they will continue to face in the coming years.

- Dating/Marriage
- Sex
- Pornography
- Dress/Modesty
- Drinking and Drunkenness
- Marijuana and other drugs
- Handling Anger and Stress

Reactionary Conversations

As you move into the twelfth grade year you may be ready to let the reigns loose completely on purity, allowing them to make whatever mistakes they may on their own. You still have this year to finish being consistent. Whatever conversations you have had about purity up to this point still need to be modeled. If you change your perspectives now they can question everything they have learned. Your reactions to their poor decisions are best linked back to their values. If their decision is not in line with their values, then this allows you to coach them in making better decisions next time. In this way, these reactionary conversations can be helpful, as they might fail in your home, rather than when they are outside of your home.