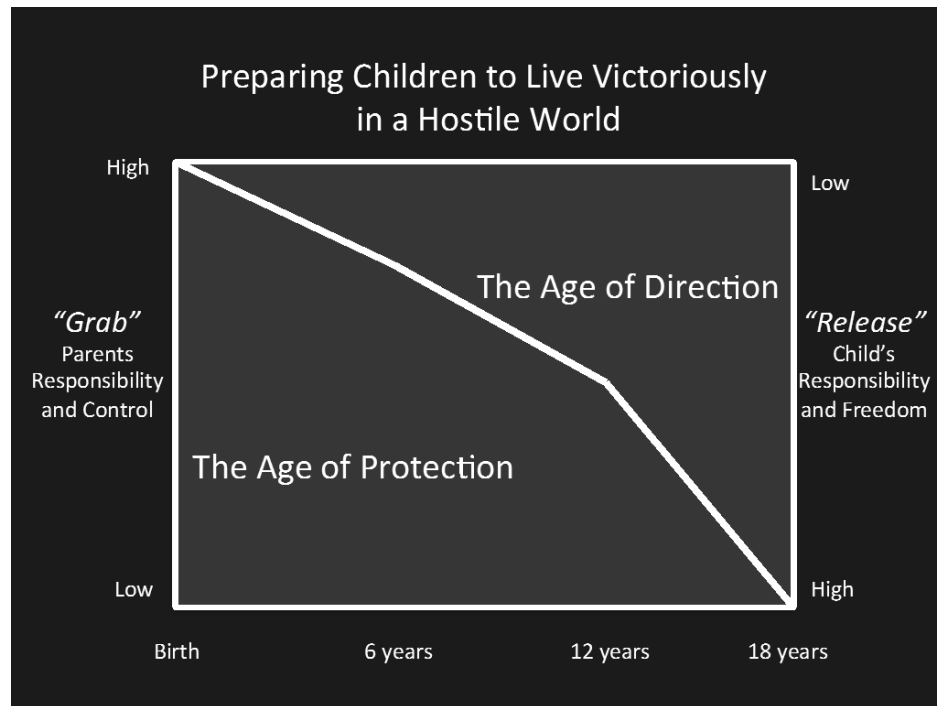


1. Col. 3:21 is specifically addressed to Fathers? What role do Fathers play that is unique to God's design for parenting? Fathers: How engaged are you in the discipline and instruction of your children?
2. If you had to describe your father in one word what would it be? Why did you pick that word? (Be careful not dishonor your father in your group) What word will your kids use to describe you when they are your age? Why?
3. The secret to balanced parenting is knowing when to grab and when to release. Describe a time in your parenting when you released when you should have grabbed. Describe a time when you grabbed when you should have released.
4. The word "provoke" means stir up, agitate, and arouse passion or anger. What do you do that regularly "provokes" your children? How can you change this behavior?



5. Discuss the chart above and the outline below. Are you a parent who is more prone to mistakenly grab or release?
 - Parents who won't grab
 - 1) Fail to prioritize marital intimacy
 - 2) Fail to provide discipline
 - 3) Fail to provide direction
 - Parents who won't release
 - 1) Bypass the heart
 - 2) Overly control
 - 3) Have a misdirected trust

6. Discuss the ways to restore the heart of a discouraged child. Do you need to follow through on any of these points?
 - 1) Seek forgiveness.
 - 2) Make your life more attractive than theirs.
 - 3) Repay blessing for insults.
 - 4) Let sin run it's coarse
 - 5) Live and give the gospel

7. Discuss God's tools for training and instruction of children
 - Pr. 13:1
 - Pr. 15:12
 - Pr. 29:17
 - Pr. 22:15
 - Pr. 29:15

