

About these Milestones

Rite of Passage is a time in which you formally recognize and celebrate your child reaching a point of becoming more mature and gaining more freedoms and responsibilities.

This should be preceded by Biblical training of what God expects of biblical manhood or womanhood. There is not a set age, but around 16 often works well. Be patient and diligent in your training with your child. Do not rush. You are not looking to celebrate an age, but rather a maturation that you have witnessed. Be careful to make sure you are modeling maturity also!

Graduation from High School is an important milestone. How have you prepared your child? Help him or her create some personal goals, long term and short. How will they guard their hearts and minds as they move into the next season of life in which you send them into the world as young adults desiring to be used by God for His Kingdom work?

Major Milestones: Rite of Passage, High School Grad, Sending

Suggestions to Celebrate these Milestones

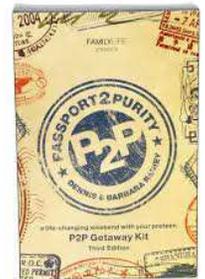
- Plan a *Rites of Passage* celebration. Invite family and those who have been influential in their lives. Recognize your child's faith, maturity and spiritual gifts. Include specific examples. Invite others to add their thoughts. Pray a blessing over your child.
- Add Milestones to their Milestone collection for each of these important spiritual events
- Plan a simple ceremony in your home with your family sending your child into the world with a blessing you have written and prayed over them.

Goals for this Age

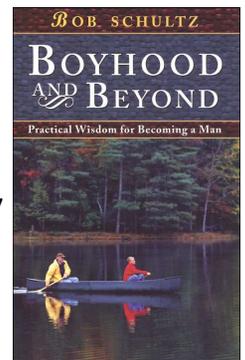
- Child knows spiritual gifts and serves regularly in church
- Tithe regularly
- Complete a theology study such as *Know What You Believe* by Paul Little
- Connect with an adult mentor outside family
- Learn difference between biblical Christianity and other religions

Resources and helps

Passport to Purity
Kit
FamilyLife

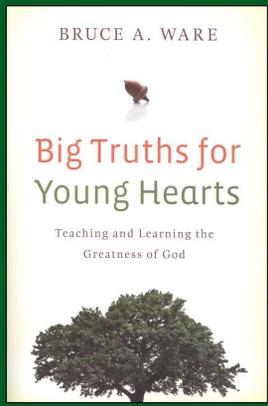
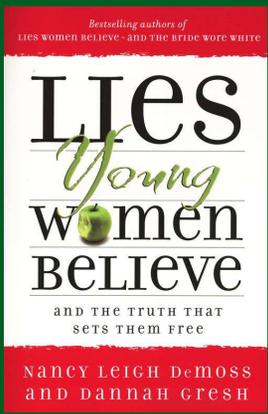


Boyhood and Beyond
Bob Schultz



For Parents:

Lies Young Women Believe
Nancy Leigh DeMoss & Dannah Gresh



Big Truths for Young Hearts

Bruce Ware

Every Young Man's Battle
by Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker

Seeking Him
by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Practical Happiness
by Bob Schultz

Truth Twisters
By Harold Berry

Helpful Websites:

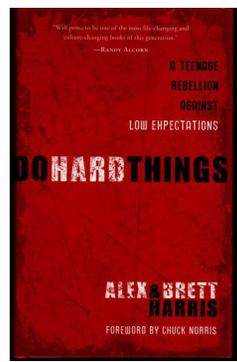
- Connectedfamilies.org
- lakepointe.org/faithpath/
- faithathome.com
- church.family.org
- familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting
- familyvisionministry.org
- focusonthefaily.com/parenting
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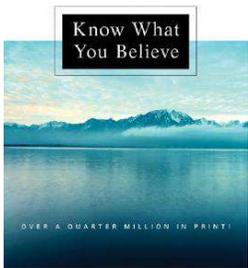
FaithTalk KeyCards
Vibrantfaith.org

Do Hard Things

Alex & Brett Harris



PAUL E. LITTLE
Author of *How to Give Away Your Faith*



Know What You Believe

Paul E. Little

Parent Resources 14 years and beyond

MAKING FULLY
FUNCTIONING
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
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OUT TO THE WORLD

