Our Family Values

When setting out on a road trip for a big family vacation, we most certainly look ahead to our final destination and plan the best route to get there. Sometimes we plan for stops for a special attraction we want to see along the way. Then, there is the actual route itself. It might be worth adding 3 minutes to the overall trip to avoid that particularly curvy mountain road that makes those in the back seat car sick. And, it's always wise to proactively check any road closures or detours we might need to take. Some trips take us through rural stretches that require planning ahead for where to stop for restrooms or a meal. You get the idea.

In 18 short years, we will launch our children into adulthood. We want to know where we are going and how we are going to get there!

Use this worksheet as a tool for your family.

Take Inventory:

Where are you?

- ❑ Mom and Dad, separately fill out "How we spend our free time" and "How we spend our fun money".
- ❑ Mom and Dad, separately fill out the My Values section: What do you feel is most important to you that you want to pass onto your children by the time they launch into adulthood?

Where do you want to go?

- ❑ Next, turn the sheet over. Compare Mom and Dad's lists.
- ❑ What do your current "spending habits" point to in what you value as a family?

Plan your Route:

- ❑ What would you want for your family to value?
- ❑ What rhythms must be part of our home in each season to ensure that you instill these values in your children before they enter adulthood?

Prayerfully make a plan for the stages that you have left in raising your children.

OUR VALUES

What do we want our children to value when they leave home at age 18?

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

ELEMENTARY YEARS

BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

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DEDICATING MY FAMILY MILESTONE