

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

A Parent's Gameplan

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1. We are inclined to _____ choices.
 - a. We have divided hearts.
 - Nobility
 - Cruelty
 - b. We all have inclinations to:
 - Be stubbornly selfish.
 - Feel others owe us.
 - Be hard on others.
2. We can be _____ different directions.

<u>Wrong</u>	Pull	<u>Right</u>
Laziness	←→	Diligence
Deceit		Faithfulness
Pushiness		Helping
Anger		Compassion
Impulsiveness		Forethought
Denial		Perceptive
Domination		Serving
Envy		Good-will
Cruelty		Kindness
Self-absorbed		Considerate

3. Five things pull us.
 - a. Our own desires: What we _____, grows.
James 1:14
 - b. _____ matters:
Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 4:10
 - Relationship
 - Example—What they show, grows
 - Instruction
 - Reasons—Why to do the right
 - Prayer
 - c. Friends: _____ us their _____.
Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33-34; Exodus 23:2

- d. Media:
 - Define “cool/_____.”
 - Define “high status people.”
 - Stimulate _____.
 - Provide “_____” that mark us.
- e. _____ status people (heroes): Define “cool/valuable”

4. What sets “belief” most deeply is _____ experience:
The _____ and _____.

 - a. “I saw my parents do it and benefit.”
 - b. “Friends and high status people did it and benefitted.”
 - c. “Now I have experienced its reality and benefitted.”

5. The challenges or obstacles

Age	Challenge	Action
Early	Parental example and instruction	Teach what, how, why
6	Impact of friends	Screen; enable the helpful
10	Impact of media	Control; teach to interpret
13	Crowd/high status people	Teach reasons; train to stand alone
15	Inexperience of the right	Lead to experience the right

6. The most important thing *Psalms 34:8*
 - a. Both parents and children must experience the _____ of Christ.
 - b. Experience comes through “_____ and _____.”
2 Corinthians 5:7; John 3:36