



## MILESTONE #7

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### WALKING IN WISDOM

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. PROVERBS 9:10-11*

### CAMPUS EVENTS

College 101, Senior Service, Baccalaureate Service, Senior Luncheon, SUMMIT mission trip and other service opportunities

### CORE COMPETENCY

Defending my faith, God's plan for my life, marriage, life skills

This milestone is a bitter sweet one for the parent and maybe the teen. It is a culmination of the years poured into them as you have led them down the path. Students will begin making major life decisions including college or armed forces choices, possible career choices, and a myriad of smaller decisions that will amount to their life's directions.

This time is also a transition for parents. The relationship with your son or daughter must change from a loving model and coach to a consultant or mentor. He or she will soon live on his or her own and make decisions without your direct input. However, the firmer the foundation laid in your teen's life, the more likely he or she is to make wise, God-honoring decisions. The future will also pressure your child in ways he or she hasn't experienced while they were under your care. His or her faith will be challenged intently and new responsibilities could become overwhelming. Preparing your son or daughter for this stage of life is critical to the rest of his life. Parents need to lead discussions about God's plan for the child to become a person of influence for Christ.

### **IMPACT Parent Seminar Led by: Linda Withers, Chapelwood UMC, College & Family Ministry**

Parents will be equipped to prepare their children to leave home while standing firm in their faith as they walk out their God-given destiny.

### RESOURCES

*Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman

*Parent's Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teens* by Joe White and Jim Weidmann

*Raising a Modern Day Knight* by Robert Lewis

*The Ripple Effect* by Robert Jackman

*Grace Based Parenting* by Tim Kimmel

*Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony

*Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul David Tripp

*Teenology: The Art of Raising Great Teenagers* by Jim Burns

*Life on the Edge: The Next Generation's Guide to a Meaningful Future* by: Dr. James Dobson