

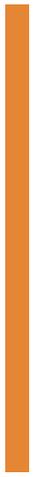


LICENSE TO DRIVE



Milestones





WHAT IS LICENSE TO DRIVE?

Around age 16, most students will get their driver's license and keys to either their car or a shared vehicle. They will have an unprecedented amount of freedom. Yet before engaging this new freedom, parents must prepare their adolescent to see this freedom through God's heart. In our culture, age 16 is commonly viewed as a rite of passage from childhood to adulthood. *License to Drive* seeks to help you prepare your student to embrace the Biblical role of manhood and womanhood as they prepare to become adults.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS MILESTONE?

License to Drive can be seen as a spiritual rite of passage. We want to see your teenager embrace maturity using a Biblical model as their example and begin to take the initiative for their own spiritual growth. In the many life-changing decisions teens are facing, Peninsula wants to help you encourage your teen to make those decisions in a way that will draw them closer to Christ.

We also want to create an event that will serve as a spiritual marker in their lives. The Rite of Passage Ceremony will celebrate the transition to adulthood, allow significant friends and family members to invest in your teenager, and challenge your teen to embrace Biblical manhood and womanhood.

BIBLICAL MANHOOD

WHAT DOES A GODLY MAN LOOK LIKE?

Lover of God (*Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37*)

Lover of Others (*Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:38*)

Loyal (*Hosea 6:6*)

Servant Leader (*Matthew 20:26-27*)

o In the Home (*Ephesians 5:23, 25-30*)

o In the Church (*Titus 1:6-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:12-14, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 8:1-3*)

Kind (*Ephesians 4:32*)

Humble (*Philippians 2:3*)

Honest (*Ephesians 4:35*)

Self-Disciplined (*1 Timothy 4:7-8*)

Pursues Excellence (*1 Corinthians 9:24*)

Lives with Integrity (*Proverbs 10:9*)

Perseveres (*Galatians 6:9*)

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL MANHOOD IN AN UNBIBLICAL WORLD

- 1 Reject Passivity (*Proverbs 28:1*)
- 2 Accept Responsibility (*Luke 12:48b*)
- 3 Lead Courageously (*Deuteronomy 3:6*)
- 4 Love as a Servant (*Ephesians 5:25-30*)
- 5 Expect a Reward (*Revelation 22:12-13*)

Strength and Power

Loyalty
Purity
Self-Discipline
Excellence
Integrity
Perseverance

Gentleness and Tenderness

Lover of God
Lover of Others
Servant Leadership
Kindness
Humility
Honesty

BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

WHAT DOES A GODLY WOMAN LOOK LIKE?

Lover of God (*Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37*)

Lover of Others (*Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:38*)

Has a gentle and quiet spirit (*1 Peter 3:4-6*)

Is modest and discreet, adorning herself with good works
(*1 Timothy 2:9-10*)

Freely submits, with intelligence and joy, to the leadership of
her husband and shows him respect (*Ephesians 5:22-24, 33*)

*“Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.”*

Proverbs 4:23

*A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.
She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She sets about her work vigorously;*

Noble (v. 10, 25)

Respected (v. 28)

Diligent (v. 13)

Steward (v. 15-16)

Wise (v. 16, 26)

Strong (v. 25)

Persistent (v. 19, 27)

Resourceful (v. 18, 21-22)

Hospitable (v. 20)

Confident (v. 18)

Happy (v. 25)

Faithful (v. 27, 30)

Blessed (v. 28-31)

SUGGESTIONS FOR A RITE OF PASSAGE CEREMONY

It is less important *how* you plan your child's Rite of Passage than that you plan it. Some families host a simple dinner with family and close friends. Others do something more elaborate such as a road-trip adventure with various stops. Decide and plan what works best for your teen and your situation.

STEP 1

Create a plan to make this meaningful experience. Read one of the recommended resources for more ideas or utilize the Rite of Passage planning sheet provided with this kit. A small investment of thought and effort will mean a great deal to your son or daughter.

STEP 2

Invite people who have had an impact in your teen's life and/or whom they respect. Give each person a specific topic on which he or she will speak or write a letter. Some topics may include work, marriage, integrity, faith, purity, family, etc.

STEP 3

Make it easy for others to participate. Make their participation simple. Provide other adults with the option of following a sample letter or talk (available from Peninsula Milestone resources). Communicate clearly what you are asking them to do.

CEREMONY PURPOSE

GIVE A VISION FOR ADULTHOOD

GIVE A BLESSING

It is very important that parents use this Milestone to give a blessing, usually in the form of a letter affirming the teen's potential and expressing gratitude for his or her life. Refer to "The Blessing" handout for an understanding of what the blessing is and how you can give the blessing to your teenager.

GIVE A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Take time to provide direction for the future. Cast vision and direct your child in seeking the Lord as they enter a season of significant decisions that will impact the future.

GIVE A GIFT

Consider purchasing or making something to give your teen during this time. It doesn't need to be extravagant. It is more important that it serve as a tangible keepsake of the event that your child can hold on to for years to come. Ideas include a piece of jewelry, a book of letters/blessings, a sword for guys and a crown for girls.

SET THE STAGE

The Rite of Passage event serves as an opportunity to set a new tone for the changing relationship with your child. Your role is changing from primarily teacher to mostly coach as he or she accepts the new freedoms and responsibilities that accompany young adulthood. Let your child know that you will be there to help him or her work through the challenges and navigate the landmines as they take ownership for choices and a future walk with God. Plan to create intentional one-on-one times to connect and keep the lines of communication open over the coming months and years.

RESOURCES

The Legacy Path *by Brian Haynes*

Rite of Passage *by Jim McBride*

King Me *by Steve Farrar*

Raising a Modern-Day Knight *by Robert Lewis*

Life on the Edge *by Dr. James Dobson*

Raising a Modern-Day Princess *by Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna*

Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild *by Mary Kassian*

Lies Young Women Believe: And the Truth That Sets Them Free *by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Dannah Gresh*

Sticky Faith *by Kara Powell and Chap Clark*