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**Tuesday:** Pray that your children would use godly wisdom in selecting friends and peers that will make a positive difference in their lives. Ask God to give each child a discernment of people as well as knowing the difference between right and wrong (Pr. 1:10; 18:24; Deut. 13:6,8).

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cheating, lies, or mischief (He. 13:18-19).

**Friday:** Pray they will be alert and thinking clearly as they attend school and extra curricular activities and as they take exams. Ask God to help them be motivated to do the best they are capable of doing (Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:31).

**Saturday:** Pray for the spouse each child will marry someday. Ask that they will come from godly homes and have an appetite to live the spiritual truth they've learned. Pray also that their goals and purpose will be the same as your own children and their future homes would be godly (Deut. 5:29).

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## Synergy Milestones Study

**#1 "DISCIPLESHIP"** - Learning & Commitment: Guiding parents with resources designed to help desire a greater level of commitment including Baptism into Christ. [a period of development & decision]

- Spiritual formation
- Pre-baptism
- The Baptism
- Post-Baptism follow-up
- Biblical Identity
- Study/memory tools
- Friendship selection & boundaries
- Personality differences
- Mom/Dad the value of unique roles

**#2 "EARLY YEARS"** - Prenatal thru Early Childhood: Resources that will support & encourage parents of young children. [the age of discovery & security]

- Prenatal issues
- Theories/principles on spiritual development
- Childbirth options
- Nursery and preschool selection
- Starting family traditions
- Discipline theory and dynamics
- Early childhood assessments
- Home/family changes
- Developing healthy family culture and childhood experiences
- Education options/priorities
- Responsibility development: chores, rewards, allowance (stewardship)
- Mom/Dad the value of unique roles

**#3 "TEENS"** - Adolescence can be tough! Resources to help parents & their youth develop spiritual disciplines & embrace upcoming adulthood. [developing spiritual patterns & life habits]

- Identifying authority issues: defiance vs. ignorance
- Dating vs. courting discussions
- Hygiene and organization habits
- The value of mentors/disciple groups
- Identity
- Picking your battles
- The power of "culture": its ability to create stability and cause chaos
- Apologetics for the teenage mind
- Friendships
- Technology
- College Visits/Career exploration
- Financial responsibilities
- Family culture in transition (an innate desire to be an adult, the fight for independence)
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### #4 "SUPPORTING ADULTHOOD" -

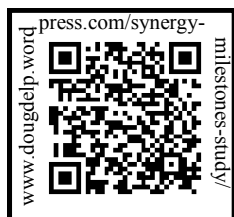
Relationships & responsibility: Resources to encourage networking, accountability, refinement & balance in the life & spiritual growth of adults. [depth, outreach, refinement]

- Apologetics for the adult
- Discipleship (being mentored & mentoring others)
- Spiritual formation
- Selecting a church
- Contentment and Sacrifice
- The value of small groups and good friendships
- Unique characteristics of the different generations
- Career/Responsibility development
- Financial priorities/Preparing for Retirement
- Refinement/Preparing for Failure
- Leadership development
- Professional vs. friendship principles and boundaries
- Emotional health
- Pre-Marriage Counseling
- Finding professional services: counselor, lawyer, doctor
- Relocating to another community
- Discipleship (mentoring others)
- Choosing a new career
- Divorce/remarriage
- Support/Study Groups: Grief Share, Celebrate Recovery, Divorce Recovery, NAMI, Financial Peace University
- Insurance options and priorities
- Aging parents: challenges and rewards
- Mom/Dad the value of unique roles

### #5 "LEGACY" - Changes & opportunities:

Resources to support life & spiritual growth through later years, leaving a solid foundation for your family. [assessments, inspiration]

- Empty nest
- Relocating to another community
- Discipleship (mentoring others)
- Grand parenting
- Choosing a new career
- Death/hospice/grief & hope
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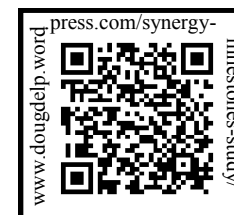
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