

LIFE in the Middle Years

Seven Warning Flags (as per Appendix B)

This test should be taken after reading Appendix B. If you have an eight year old, this test is not going to be as valid as if your child were twelve. But it will still give you some indication that you are headed off track if your score is too high.

Score your child based on the following scale.

- 5 = This is very representative of our child.
- 4 = This is usually representative of our child.
- 3 = Sometimes this is representative of our child.
- 2 = This is not usually representative of our child.
- 1 = This rarely, if ever, is representative of our child.

1. ____ Your child blatantly refuses to follow the family standard outside of Mum and Dad's presence (or the presence of others who know and represent your family values).
2. ____ Your child tends to enjoy friends more than his or her own family. He or she is always asking to bring a friend on family activities.
3. ____ The peer group that your child is attracted to comes from families that do not share your values.
4. ____ You're hearing similar negative reports from a number of different people about your child.
5. ____ Although it might be done in a playful way, your child is continually seeking attention from the opposite gender.
6. ____ Your child, upon receiving "no" from one parent, will go and ask the second parent without telling the second parent that they already received a "no" from the first parent.
7. ____ Your child always wants to go against the plan and do things his/her way.
8. ____ Your child shows a decreasing interest in matters pertaining to faith, practice and God.

Take a minute to add up your score and compare it to the scale below.

My child's score is _____

Scores

- 8 – 12 You're doing great.
- 13 – 19 Doing well but stay watchful of the little behaviours.
- 20 – 29 A review of *PTOL* wouldn't hurt.
- 30 – 40 Seriously consider signing up now for the next *PTOL* class.

If your child scores low on a particular question – refer to the relevant Warning Flag in Appendix B for input for possible corrective actions.

Please note question eight is not covered in the appendix, but it is an important warning flag to consider.