

Flying H Youth Ranch

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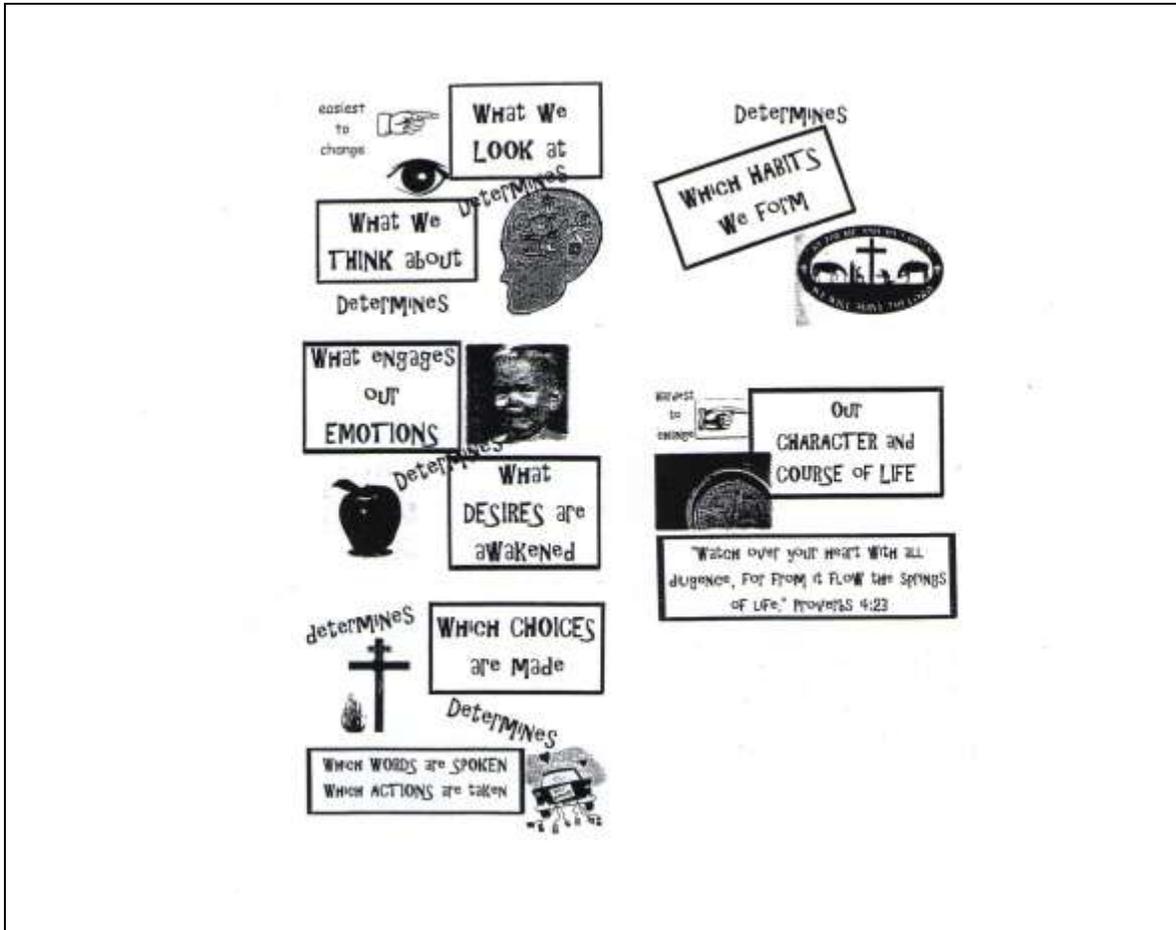


“...turning the hearts...” *Malachi 4:6* since 1962

Dear Flying H Friends,

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For many years now, the following chart has hung in our lodge and in a classroom. We decided to make it our focus for this fall’s Family Resolve under the title of “Thinking Matters.”



One of our young men designed the cover of the Resolve booklet showing all the outside influences and distractions that hook our thinking through our five senses. Interestingly, our technological advancements provide some of our greatest challenges to good thinking. Jim (my husband) developed the theme in the introductory session, pointing out that from the beginning people have been to think right. Adam and Eve failed and so do we. Galatians 5:19 listing the sins of the flesh was used as a self-evaluation for our thinking.

The second session focused on the remedy for good thinking. For the cover sheet of this session, the same young man drew a simple picture of a person in a worshipful posture receiving rays of light from above. The contrast with the first “busy” cover was clear and the remedy Jim presented was to “Be still and know that I am God.” Ps. 46:10. Also Galatians 5:22-23 (fruit of the Spirit) and Philippians 4:8 were given as a standard for measuring good thinking. Underlining

the importance of thinking right, testimonies were given by Flying H graduate Robert Popi, staff member Amber Rodriguez, and kitchen volunteer from Calvary Chapel Vancouver Chuck Rogers.

Lest you think our weekend consisted of a series of lectures and testimonies, I must tell you that we enjoyed apple cider pressing (we drank about 20 gallons of fresh cider throughout the weekend), eating delicious meals, presentations by boys of their vocational projects and poetry recitation, parent-teacher conferences, and fellowship among parents and staff. Notably the parents' favorite activity was a "Nuts & Bolts" time in the afternoon where the parents could bring up any family issue and the staff and other parents would interact as we looked at it from all angles. During this time a couple of staff men took the boys for some intensive sporting activities so they parents could be candid and boys could run off some energy. We so enjoy having the boys and their parents stay in our homes for the weekend, providing some additional fellowship time.

"We have been reminded about the importance of outside influences, protecting ourselves & family" (parent)

"I loved the success stories, hearing Robert." (parent)

"Thank you for the great food and love and hospitality." (parent)

"I thought it was great. I came closer to my family in the process." (son)

"The most beneficial was the quality time I had to talk with my parents." (son)

"Make Nuts & Bolts session 3 hours long with a 15 minute break!" (parent)

"I learned about taking captive my thoughts. Thank you to Amber." (parent)

"Most beneficial was hearing of other families' struggles
—makes me not feel so alone." (parent)

"Most beneficial to me was the application time." (son)

"I learned that I hurt my family when I do something wrong." (son)

"I was able to express emotion that was needed." (son)

"I loved to hear the staff testimonies as to what brought them here." (parent)

"God gives us grace and mercy and that love needs to prevail above all." (parent)

"More Nuts & Bolts." (parent)

"We need to watch our son's free time and who he's hanging with." (parent)

"This time during our group session everyone really opened up and we had a great talk." (son)

"I can't control everything that I want." (son)

"This was a special Resolve. The boys seem more connected and the parents are more open and humble. I am learning so much about my family, God's love and forgiveness." (parent)

"Loved Amber's talk . She was used by God to speak to me." (parent)

"Most beneficial was hearing Chuck Rogers and Mrs. Rodriguez speak. It was very cool." (son)

"Me and my mom came closer." (son)

"The very real and meaningful sharing from the front was impactful for me. Thank you to Jim, Amber, and Robert." (parent)

"We have purposed to encourage/praise good behavior and to communicate more in writing and phone calls." (parent)

Once again, we are overflowing with praise to God for His goodness in putting His Holy Spirit at work among us during this strategic weekend. Finally, we remember that we are not in this alone, and we thank all of you for joining with us in this precious work.

Patty Fried