

Parenting the Teen Years: From Training to Mentoring...and Beyond...with Hope

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Transitions

Disciplinarian – Trainer – Mentor/Coach – Friend

We must learn to lead more by influence and less by authority.

We must learn to let them grow and go.

Spiritual Goal

The spiritual goal of parenting is to lead our children to Christ and to help them grow as disciples.

Rom 10:1; 2 Pt 3:18; Mal 2:15; 3 John 1:4; Mt 28:19; 1 Thess 2:7-8; 11-12

I will...make Christ Lord of my time and choose to spend time with Him each day.

I will...pray for my son/daughter every day.

I will...seek to disciple my son/daughter with purpose and commitment.

Wisdom Goal

The practical goal of parenting is to help our sons and daughters to become successful in life.

Proverbs 1:2-9; 2:9-19; 3:13-18; 4:1-9 Ps 1; Josh 1:7-8

I will...make a list of things I want my son/daughter to know/do by the time they finish high school.

I will...read a book on purity/dating/courtship by this date - _____.

Relational Goal

The relational goal of parenting is to grow a friendship that is maintained for life.

1 Cor 13; Mt 22:37-39; Ps 128

Love is intentional and shown by her actions.

I will...learn my son's/daughter's love language and be intentional about speaking it.

HOPE

God is sovereign. Is 46:9,10; 14:24; Ps 33:10,11

God's Word and promises are sure and trustworthy. Ps 19:7-9; Heb 4:12; Jer 15:16; Ps 119:50, 67

God is there...God is fair...God does care. Ps 46; Ps 145:17; Is 30:18; Is 49:16

We must learn to receive them back and rejoice. Luke 15

Application

Write down some things you value as it relates to your family. Under each value write down something you will do that works toward that value, in the form of an "I will..." statement.

1. _____

I will _____

2. _____

I will _____

Application

Write down what you think is your teen's primary love language. For each teen write down something you will do that speaks his/her language.

1. Name _____ Love Language _____

I will _____

2. Name _____ Love Language _____

I will _____

3. Name _____ Love Language _____

I will _____

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