

# **With Love to Parents of Teens**

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I. Introduction.

II. Part of the frustration of parents is that their task is to civilize their children during teenage years.

III. Adolescence is a period of disequilibrium, but normality will return.

IV. We bear much pain in the failure of our children. All parents fail.

A. Children are born with a temperament and fall into some environments that a parent cannot control.

B. Children are also born with a free will that will prevail.

C. Parents cannot bear the guilt of their children.

### **Applications Questions:**

1. What did you learn from the example of a mother teaching her son by playing catch?

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2. Why is it helpful to expect some strangeness during adolescence.

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3. How can we do better at encouraging parents whose children are struggling during this period?

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