

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS TO ASK

These questions are designed for cultivating influence and relationship with your teen, as you help your teen move towards increasing spiritual maturity. They are intended for ongoing conversations, and not just one sitting.

Personal Encouragement

Let me share with you ways that I am encouraged about you...

Own Their Faith

How would you characterize your spiritual life lately? Are you confident that you are trusting in the Savior and hoping only in his grace? Do you believe your life is showing a pattern of wanting to live for the Savior? Please explain.

How do you feel about your relationship with God right now? Is there anything competing for your affections that would hinder you from loving God more?

How are you feeding your soul with God's word? How are you benefiting? How are you communing with Him through prayer? How consistently?

What sins are you struggling with and how are you working on them? What have you done to address that sin? How can I help you with that?

Parents Before Peers

Do you have any observations for me as a dad/mom? Is there anything I have said or done that has tempted you or that you want to mention to me?

Do I make you regularly aware of the good news of what Jesus has done? Am I regularly encouraging you about ways I see God at work in you?

Have you had any conversation or engaged in any activities which you know mom/day would not approve of or would want to know about?

Are there any girls/boys that you are having a hard time not thinking about? What are you thinking about them? Do you have any guy/girl questions?

Be Distinct From the World

What music are you enjoying right now? Why are you enjoying it? Would you share with me the music you are most excited about?

Have you visited any websites with immodest images, or viewed any inappropriate images, or read any inappropriate material since we last met?

Are you aware of any sins among friends that you have not confronted them about or made sure they shared those issues with their parents (Gal. 6:1-3)?

QUESTIONS FOR TEENS TO ASK

These questions are designed to help you "look and learn" from your parents' example and instruction (Prov. 1:8-9, 23:26ff). They are intended to be part of an ongoing pursuit of your parents' help, and not just for one meeting.

Personal Encouragement

In what ways do you see God at work in my life right now? How are you encouraged about my progress or growth?

Own My Faith

How would you characterize my spiritual life lately? How might I grow in understanding the gospel? How might I grow in my trust in the gospel?

Do you believe my life shows a general pattern of wanting to live for and follow the Savior? Please explain.

How can I make my relationship with God my highest priority? (Mt. 22:37ff) Do you think my priorities reflect Mt. 6:33, to seek first the kingdom of God?

Have you observed any patterns of sin in my relationships with friends, my relationship with you, or my pursuit of the world? Please help me see that.

Is there one particular area where I need to grow? Can you please share examples of where you have noticed this and help me with a plan to change?

Parents Before Peers

How would you describe my attitude toward your authority? How have I grown in showing you respect? How do I need to grow (Eph. 6:1-3)?

On a scale of 1-10, how diligently and humbly do I pursue your correction and counsel? For what area would you like me to pursue you more (Prov. 12:15)?

Do you think that I value your wisdom more than my friend's opinions (Prov. 1:8-9)? Can you share any examples of valuing my friend's opinions too highly?

Being Distinct From the World

Where do you see me being influenced unhelpfully? Do you have any concerns for me in regards to my choice of companions (Prov. 13:20)?

How would you describe my attitude toward other authorities (besides parents) in my life (Rom. 13:1-7)? To what degree do I show a God-honoring respect?

Do you have any concerns for what music I'm listening to? Do you have any concerns or questions about any other media habit or influence in my life?