

Let the Children Come...

Why do teenagers rebel? Is it due to hormones, a suppressed primal desire to stake out their own domain, or a natural and predictable process of growth? Many factors make living with a teenager a blessing or a trauma. AAW exposes the notions of secular myth and brings to light the proven how-to applications of building and maintaining healthy relationships with your teens. Whether you worry about teen dating or teens and drugs, the principles of Along the Adolescent Way are appropriate and applicable for both extremes and everyone in between.



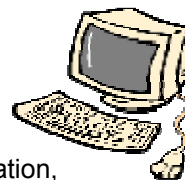
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This site explains the history and goals of the Growing Families organisation, news and resources available, with on-line ordering. Contact the GFA representative in your state via the website or phone the National Office for number.

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Parenting
for the
Pre-teen and
Teen Years





Session One: The Healthy Family Profile; At the Heart of Rebellion

Session Two: The Power of Relationship; Starting Over with Credibility

Session Three: The Many Ways of Love

Session Four: From Authority to Influence; Principles of Moral Training

Session Five: Why Teens Don't Talk or Listen; Bridging the Communication Gap

Session Six: Principles of Instruction; Discipline and Encouragement

Session Seven: The Corrective Side of Training

Session Eight: Answering the Questions; Dating, Courtship and Marriage

An 8 week parenting program to take you and your child from pre-teen through the teen years.

Along the Adolescent Way

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THE CHALLENGE OF ADOLESCENCE

More than ever, parents today are demoralised by clichés, slogans, and negative public examples about teens - all adding up to a psychological warfare of despair. There is no conspiracy on the part of public voices to demoralise an entire generation of new parents, but that is exactly what is happening. Young parents are brought to the point of despair by statements such as these: "All teens rebel, you just wait." Or, "Enjoy them now, you won't when they're teens." Or, "You can't stop teens from doing drugs and having sex, they have to have freedom to experiment." Not only are young parents deeply discouraged by clichés and negative slogans, but resulting defeatist attitudes inevitably lead to self-fulfilling conclusions.

This attitude of defeat has so permeated our society that parents today are becoming apathetic.

Just as the cloud ceiling drops with the approaching storm, so also the ceiling of despair descends on an entire generation. For most parents, the real tragedy is that there is no storm on the horizon except the one created in their own minds by fear and doubt.

No wonder young parents are skeptical when they hear the occasional voice proclaiming positive things about parent-teen relationships; talking about such things as 'terrific teens' instead of terrible, peace in the home rather than war, cooperation instead of conflict; love between family members instead of hostility and hope instead of despair. But be encouraged. In spite of the pessimistic predictions which prevail, one fact remains: ***You can have a great relationship with your teen.***

Don't accept adolescent struggles as inevitable, and don't wait for the transformation of society to help make your job easier. **Parents are always in a position to make a difference right now.**

