

## Parenting Teenagers

The changes your children go through in their adolescent years are so profound that you may wonder where your son or daughter went to, and who are these strangers living in your house! Many parents lose their relationship with their kids during the teenage years, as rebellion and peers take them in unexpected directions. On the other hand, if you know how to change your parenting approach to match the particular needs of your teenagers, these years can be your very best. How does parenting need to change during the teenage years? What are the dangers, and opportunities? What strategies are most effective – and which ones don't work at all? Drawing off over 30 years of working with teenagers and their parents, Dave will give you key insights and tools for these crucial years.

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1. The opportunities- and dangers of parenting teenagers
2. Understanding developmental stages
3. Navigating the path to independence

4. Parenting strategies for the teenage years
  - a. Using the power of relationship
  - b. Training the adolescent mind
  - c. Leading your teen from foolishness to wisdom
  - d. The essential role of faith, hope, and love
  - e. Using the broader community
  - f. Making space for teenage parenting