

PARENTING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

It's Just a Phase: Week 5

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SIX STAGES OF PARENTING

- STAGE ONE (0-2): CATERING
- STAGE TWO (2-5): CONFORMING
- STAGE THREE (6-10): COACHING
- STAGE FOUR (11-17): CONSULTING
- STAGE FIVE (18-on): CARING
- STAGE SIX (Parent): COMMISERATING

WHAT MY HIGH-SCHOOLER NEEDS MOST

1. THEY NEED ME TO BE A PARENT AND NOT A PEER.

"Discipline your children while you still have the chance; indulging them destroys them." (Proverbs 19:18, The Message)

2. THEY NEED ME TO LISTEN WITHOUT LECTURING.

"Listen before you answer. If you don't you are being stupid and insulting." (Proverbs 18:13, GNB)

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry," (James 1:19, NIV)

"A wise person's heart controls his speech, and what he says helps others learn." (Proverbs 16:23, GW)

3. THEY NEED TO SEE AN AUTHENTIC MODEL OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.

"And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching." (Titus 2:7, NLT)

"Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival." (Luke 2:41, NLT)

"...If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong." (Romans 14:23, The Message)

4. THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO FAIL WITHOUT BEING A FAILURE.

“And now a word to you parents. Don’t keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.” (Ephesians 6:4, The Living Bible)

“Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders!” (Proverbs 12:25, The Living Bible)

5. THEY NEED MY UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

“Let love be your highest goal!” (1 Corinthians 14:1a, NLT)

“Welcome [those] who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” (Romans 14:1, The Message)

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” (Romans 15:7, NIV)

6. THEY NEED ME TO NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM!

“It is painful to be the parent of a fool; there is no joy for the father of a rebel.” (Proverbs 17:21, NLT)

“So [the rebellious son] returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’” (Luke 15:20–24, NLT)

ACTION STEP

IT’S JUST A PHASE WORKSHOP