



# INTENTIONAL *parenting*

**Part 2 – Doing Life with Teen and Adult Children**  
**March 17, 2024**

What do you remember about the relationship with your parents during your own launch into adulthood? Do you wish you (or they) had done things differently?

**Read Psalm 127:3-5**

Carey Nieuwhof says, “It’s hard to reach the next generation when you’re rolling your eyes at them.” Is it difficult for you to engage with teen and young adults? How can you work to increase your influence with the teens and young adults around you?

**Read Proverbs 22:6**

How can this scripture be wrongly applied to raising a child? What is some encouragement you can give to a parent seeking to raise Godly children?

**Read Proverbs 13:22, 1 Timothy 5:8 and Proverbs 21:5**

What are some key truths we need to pass on to the younger generation when it comes to money?

Boundaries between a young adult and their parents need to be established, communicated, and honored. What are some things that make it hard for parents and children to develop healthy boundaries? What is often the result of a lack of healthy boundaries?

Ted gave us five concepts to consider as we use our influence to encourage the young people in our lives. Discuss the benefit of following each concept and the danger of choosing to ignore this advice.

1. You don’t need to turn every moment into a life lesson.
2. Trust that experience is a better teacher than advice.
3. Our role as parents must shift from being controllers to being coaches and advisors.
4. We need to let go of our expectations and allow our adult children to discover their own path.
5. Keep your mouth shut and the welcome mat out

End your time praying for the young adults in our church and in your family. Ask God to give you a heart and an understanding of how to use your influence to encourage them in their relationship with the Lord and with others. May God give you an opportunity to invest in the next generation regardless of how young or old you are.