

How To Raise Your Parents

Here are some good questions for a discussion about parents. For best results, print them up and give one set of questions to each person. Give the kids time to answer all the questions individually. Then discuss them one at a time with the entire group.

POOR		AVERAGE		GREAT
1	2	3	4	5

1. How would you rate your relationship with your parent(s)?

2. What are some of the problems in your relationship with your parent(s)?

3. What are some of the good points of your relationship with your parent(s)?

4. What would help improve the relationship?

5. What do the following verses teach about relationships with parents?

Colossians 3:20

Proverbs 3:1-4

Exodus 20:3

6. Rate yourself in the following areas from 1 (almost never) to 5 (almost always).

- ___ a. I obey my parents in all things.
- ___ b. I am patient with my parent's weaknesses.

- ___ c. I apologize to my parents when I hurt them.
 - ___ d. I trust God to change my parents if they are wrong.
 - ___ e. I do more than my parents ask of me.
 - ___ f. I try to see life from my parent's point of view.
 - ___ g. I ask my parents for their advice.
 - ___ h. I thank my parents for all they do for me.
 - ___ i. I pray for my parents.
 - ___ j. I show my parents I love them.
 - ___ k. I tell my parents I love them.
 - ___ l. I live the kind of life my parents can be proud of.
7. The area that I most need to improve is:
8. Check any of the following ideas you'd like to commit yourself to do in the next 48 hours:
- ___ Buy my mother flowers
 - ___ Tell my parents I love them
 - ___ Ask my parents to pray with me
 - ___ Write a note of appreciation to my parents
 - ___ Take my parents out to eat
 - ___ Do some chores without being told
 - ___ Ask my parent for some advice
 - ___ Wash the car
 - ___ Give my parents a hug or kiss