

SCRIPTURES FOR PARENTS of early adolescents

(Scripture is from NIV; if italicized, it is from CEV)

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. *I (God) have shown you the way that makes sense; I have guided you along the right path. Your road won't be blocked, and you won't stumble when you run.* (Proverbs 4:11, 12)

Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. *My child, if you listen and obey my (God's) teachings, you will live a long time.* (Proverbs 4:10)

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. *Teach your children right from wrong, and when they are grown they will still do right.* (Proverbs 22:6)

Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:33)

AFRAID

When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. (Psalm 56:3-4)

ANGER

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control. (Proverbs 29:11)

Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. (James 3:5)

Controlling your temper is better than being a hero who captures a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

ARGUING

Fools have no desire to learn; they would much rather give their own opinion. (Proverbs 18:2)

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. (2 Timothy 2:23-24)

ATTITUDE

If you are cheerful, you feel good; if you are sad, you hurt all over. (Proverbs 17:22)

BAD LANGUAGE

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)

CHEATING

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much (Luke 6:10)

COMPLAINING

Do everything without grumbling or arguing. Then you will be pure and innocent children of God. (Philippians 2:14-15)

DEFYING/REBELLING

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. (James 4:17)

DISCIPLINE

It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace. (Hebrews 12:11)

FRIENDSHIPS

Wise friends make you wise, but you hurt yourself by going around with fools. (Proverbs 13:20)

GOSSIP

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret. (Proverbs 11:13)
Gossip is no good! It causes hard feelings and comes between friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

GREED

Jesus said, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

JEALOUSY

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other (Galatians 5:26)
Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? (Matthew 7:3)

KINDNESS

Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or be rude. (Ephesians 4:31, 32)

LAZINESS

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. (Proverbs 10:4)

LYING

Truth will last forever; lies are soon found out. (Proverbs 12:19)
The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:22)
Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. (Leviticus 19:11)

MANNERS

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.
(Proverbs 20:11)

OBEDIENCE

Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. (Ephesians 6:1)

Children with good sense accept correction from their parents (Proverbs 13:1)

PATIENCE

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:25)

PEER PRESSURE

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. (3 John 1:11)

Don't be tempted by sinners...don't follow anyone like that or what they do.
(Proverbs 1:10, 15)

Don't follow the bad example of cruel and evil people. Turn aside and keep going. Stay away from them. They can't sleep or rest until they do wrong or harm some innocent victim. (Proverbs 4:14-16)

REVENGE

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

SELF-CONTROL

Losing self-control leaves you as helpless as a city without a wall. (Proverbs 25:28)

SIBLING RIVALRY

Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself.
(Romans 12:10)

I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. (Matthew 5:44)

SPEAKING UNKINDLY

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
(Proverbs 12:18)

TEASING

Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, 'I was only joking!' (Proverbs 26:18-19)