



## What your kids want you to know.... (that they'll probably never tell you)

- No matter how rocky or smooth your relationship is with your kids, you are still their parents, and you both have the potential to be a real hero's to them.
- Your children want your help with life issues as long as it comes in a comforting way. Guide them through problems instead of just quickly telling them what to do; be patient with them as they grow into adulthood at their own pace. Guide them, don't drive them.
- Most children struggle to keep up because of peer pressure, school work, and other factors, so they need to know everyone struggles; it's just a normal part of life. Pray for them and with them.
- Your children need your undivided time and attention-show them they come first before TV, newspaper, hobbies, etc. They want to see big ears instead of a big mouth. Allow them to talk without interrupting them and overpowering them with your own opinions.
- Your children need to see that you love your spouse (their mother or father) Be affectionate in front of them. The most important thing you can offer your kids is a loving relationship with your spouse.
- Your children want your approval-not your criticism. Don't put them down, talk down to them, insult them or embarrass them, especially in front of peers or other family members.
- Your children need to see a life of integrity; so model the life you are telling them to live. Keep Jesus first and teach your kids to do the same.
- It's no secret: Kids today need money. It costs money to be a kid these days! And they don't want to have to ask for it every time they need it. Stay in touch with their needs. don't make them beg, and don't put them on a guilt trip for needing extra money for something.

### **Matthew 6:33 (NLT)**

<sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.