

Do You Park Them in The Garage?

- Three main functions of the garage-
 - A. It's an extension of the home
 - B. It's provides security and protection
 - C. It's a place where tools are available to make life's chores easier

The Garage is an Extension of the Home

- Two types of garages
 - The attached garage and the detached garage

Positive side of attached garage?

Negative side of attached garage?

- How close are you "attached" to your teen?

Proverbs 20: 5 says, "**The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.**"

How do you get your teen to let you know what's really going on?

Steps to draw your teen out and talk to you

- 1. Ask for wisdom - James 1:5 says, "**If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.**"

This is a promise to claim. Once you claim it...

Accept the fact that God knows your child better than you do and you need His guidance to help with the communication gap.

- 2. Apply the principles of "Biblical" wisdom.
- Are you prepared to accept what God's Word says about His wisdom and apply in your parental skills?
- James 3:17 says, "**But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**"

What do you think pure means for parental wisdom?

How does having a peace-loving wisdom help in communicating with your teen?

How does being considerate from an authoritarian position break down barriers with your teen? Read Phil. 2:3-4

What does it mean to have submissive wisdom? Why is being submissive as a parent unnatural to us? Read Eph. 5:21

What does mercy mean and how does it help produce good fruit?

What does it take to be impartial as a parent when discussing issues with our teens?

How can a parent get sincerity across to their teen?

Remember “TWO” key points from this discussion.

1. Asking for wisdom is a promise from God. James 1:5 and...
2. It will require persistence over time.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened....”

Matt. 7:7

What about the risk of fire in our garages?

First, a promise to claim for our teens.

- ***I Corinthians 10:13 says, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”***
- ***Key passage: Eph. 5:3-4 says, “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place...”***

Risk #1- Sexual Immorality.

- ***Data:*** 16% of teens who are 15 years old have had sexual relations. This grows pretty dramatically when they hit 16 years old. By the time a teen reaches 16 years old 33% have had sexual intercourse, it grows to 48% by the time they reach 17 year old, and 61% when they reach 18 years old. This study was concluded in January of 2013. (The Guttmacher Institute)

- **Risk #2- Impure lifestyle.**

Means anything that is coveted "outside a relationship with God".

Ex: putting boyfriend or girlfriend before God. Placing rewards and accolades over a relationship with God. When they want "materialistic things" over a relationship with God.

How does each one of those examples cause and impure lifestyle?

- **Risk #3- Greed.**

- A selfish person is someone who only thinks only of themselves and could care less about serving others.
- That's a risky behavior that will cause more heartache and frustration in the home.
Proverbs 28:25 "A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper."

- **Risk #4- Obscenity-**The Greek word simply states a "filthy gesture or word"

What's risky about saying a few bad cuss words with their friends?

- **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. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself on fire by hell." James 3:5-6**

- a) It will corrupt them and lead them towards destruction
- b) If you can't control your tongue then what makes you think you won't have issues with gossiping, lying, slandering, etc...
- c) It 's EVIL.
- d) Not being able to control your what comes out of your mouth will eventually affect your success. Visa versa-learning to control your tongue will help you be successful.

- **Risk #5- Foolish talk and coarse joking**

No-where else in the New Testament are these words used. They mean one who talks in a filthy way and jokes without ever considering whether it could offend or hurt someone.

Locker room talk-It's just guys...NO IT'S NOT!

Scripture says to flee unwholesome talk. It will tear your teen down.