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HOW SHOULD WE LEAD THEM?

1. Don't think Impose, think Expose
2. Don't think Protect, think Prepare
3. Don't think Cool, think Real
4. Don't think Prescriptive, think Descriptive
5. Don't think Lecture, Think Lab



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THE POWER OF WORDS

- The universe was created with God's words. "God said...." (Genesis 1:3)
- Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan with words. (Genesis 3)
- Wisdom literature is full of teaching on the power of words. (Proverbs 11:9,15:4,16:24, etc.)
- Jesus defeated Satan during his desert temptation with the Word of God. (Matthew 4)
- New Testament writers address the importance of words (John, Peter, Paul, James)
- Your words carry spiritual power. They can build up or destroy!

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SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

We can often fail by either

•Speaking the Truth in _____(attitude)

Or

• _____ the Truth in Love

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Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:15

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The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

PROVERBS 12:18

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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

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WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH IS NOT LOVING WHEN OUR TEENS NEED....

To Know We _____

The reason I appreciate you so much is (be specific).

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WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH IS NOT LOVING WHEN OUR TEENS NEED....

To be made aware of something that will affect them.

Today I learned about (School/Friendships) and wanted to make you aware

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WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH IS NOT LOVING WHEN OUR TEENS NEED....

Us to help create self _____ in them.

Are you aware you are coming across as _____?

WATCH YOUR TONE

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WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH IS NOT LOVING WHEN OUR TEENS NEED....

To learn person _____.

Will you _____ by _____.

- Clean the dishes before 7pm.
- Cut the grass tomorrow before Noon. (BE SPECIFIC)

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DISCIPLINE YES, JUDGEMENT NO

WE SHOULD ADDRESS OUR TEENS

WITHOUT ATTACKING THEIR



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_____ is related to character. It is punitive and looks to the past.

_____ is related to behavior. It is redemptive and looks to the future.

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11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

HEBREWS 12:5-11

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BE SPECIFIC ABOUT ACTIONS AND STAY AWAY FROM GENERAL STATEMENTS

Don't Say "Dressing like that will make the boys think you are a prostitute or something."

Instead Say "Do you think that skirt is just a little to short?"



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BE SPECIFIC ABOUT ACTIONS AND STAY AWAY FROM GENERAL STATEMENTS

Don't say "You are always on that dang phone. The rest of us have real things to do."

Instead say "I seems to me you've been on the phone since you got home from school. Please put it away for the next hour."

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THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

"The words I have spoken to – they are spirit and life." John 6:63b

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THE STEPS TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST FOR TEENS

by Neil T. Anderson

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

HOMEWORK

Spend some time asking God for wisdom on how to best relate to your teenager(s). Is there a need to stop judging their character and instead offer loving discipline? Do you need to forgive them? How can you meet their needs?

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