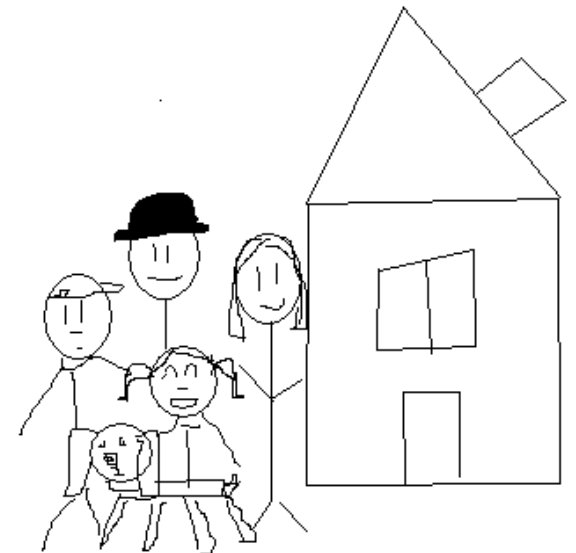


# Discipleship in the Home

Ephesians 6:1-3



# our early days

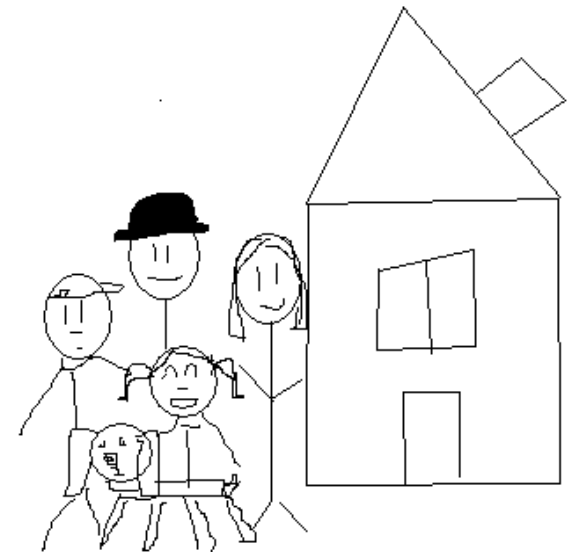
Bay of  
Security



Jetty of  
Adolescence



Sea of  
Independence



# Ephesians 6:1-3

## Children

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

## Parents

- (Parents) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

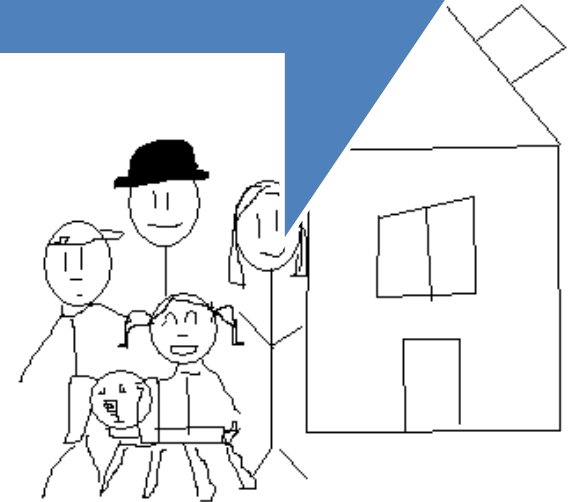


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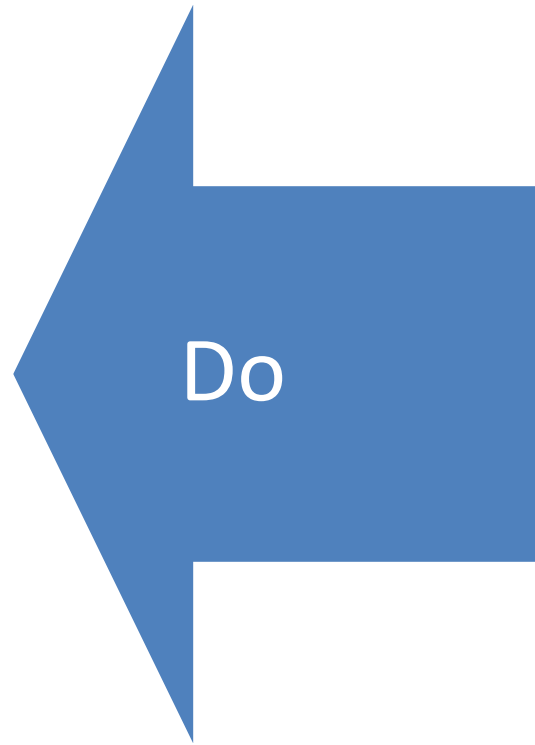
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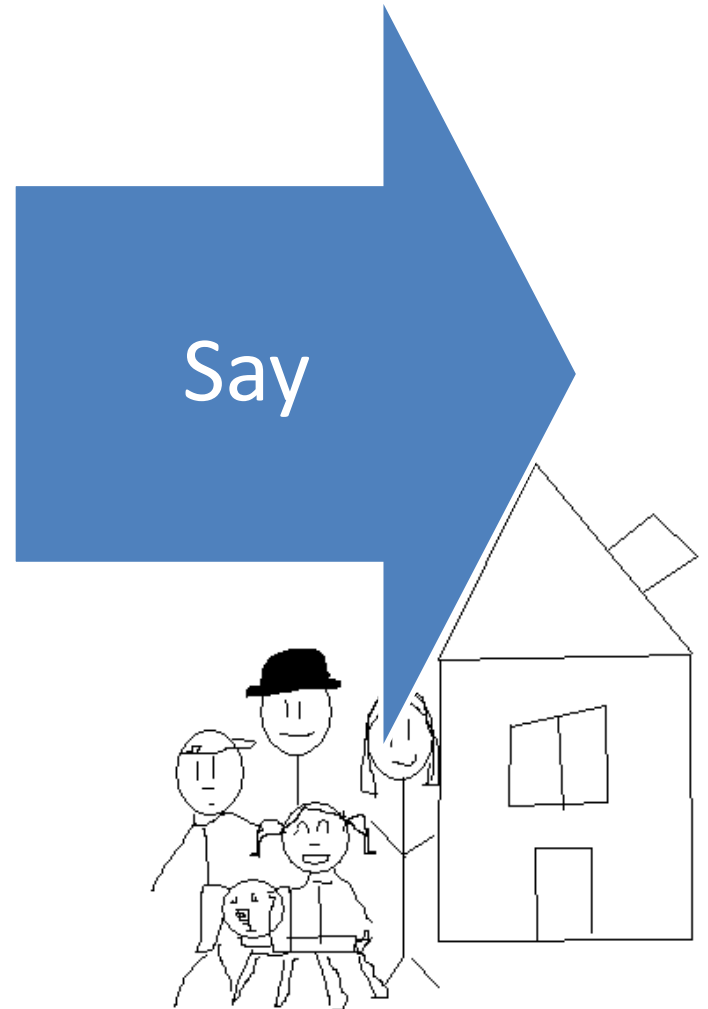
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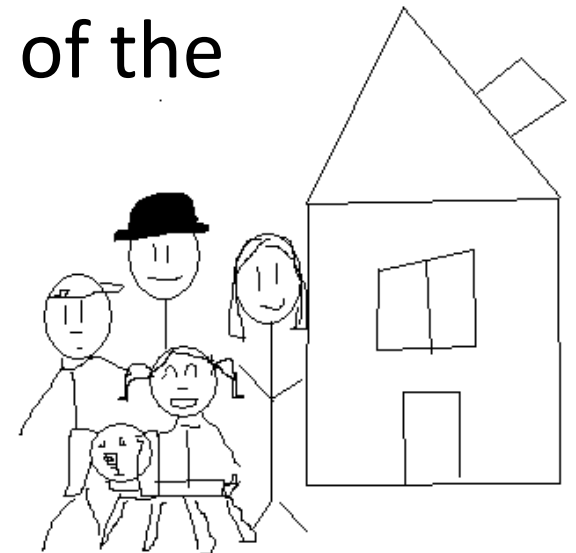


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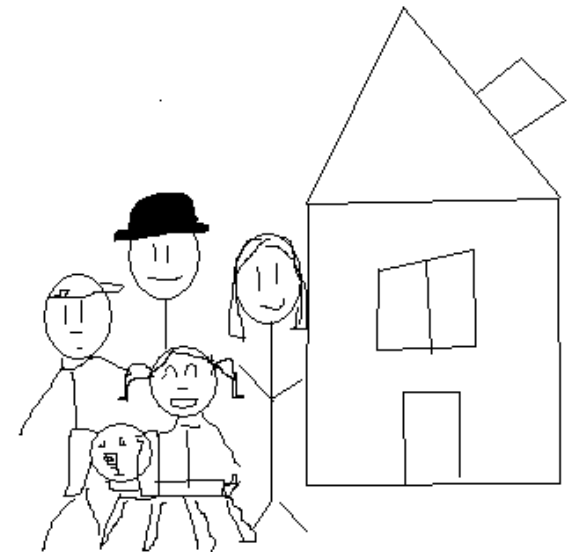
# study of youth and religion

- A study on American youth that began in 2002
- A project that included random phone interviews and face-to-face interviews.
- Provide a comprehensive and detailed picture of the spiritual and religious life of the American teenager.



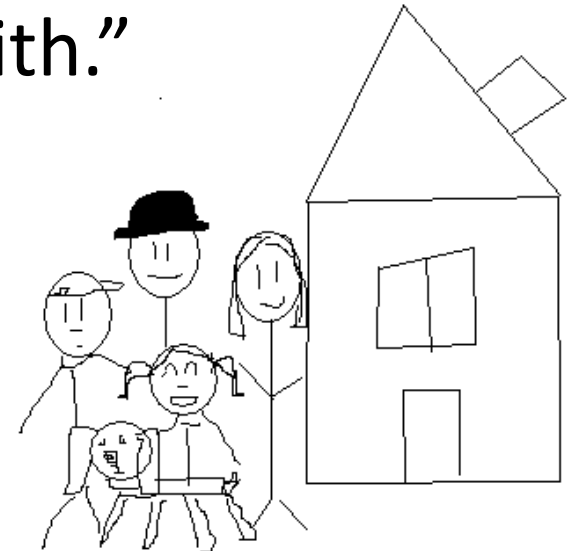
# some key findings

- Most teenagers embrace some religious identity.
- They have a positive view of religion but it is a more of a taken-for-granted approach.



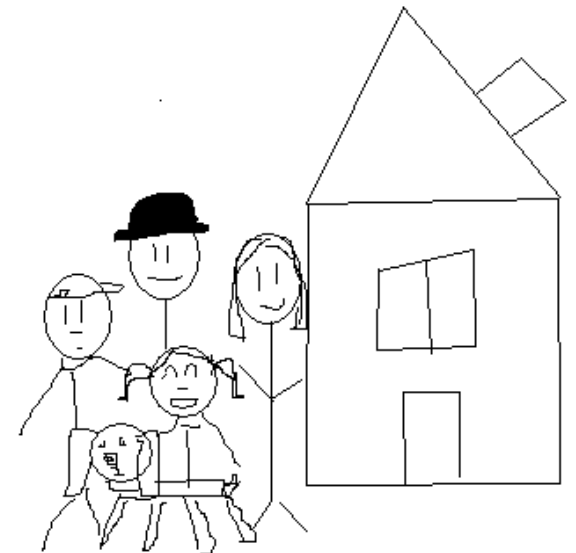
- In one-to-one interviews they had trouble speaking about their faith.

“They lack the language of faith because they lack opportunities to talk the faith.”

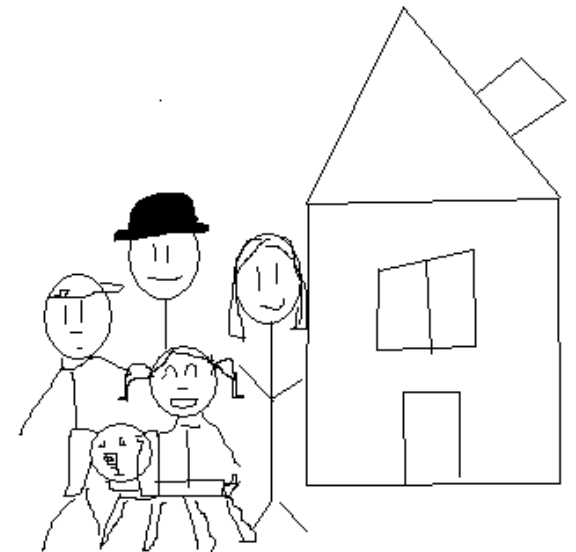




- “The best social predictor, although not a guarantee, of what the religious and spiritual lives of youth will look like is what the religious and spiritual lives of their parents *do* look like.”



- “For very many,
- religion is important but not a priority,
- valued but not much invested in,
- praised but not very describable.”



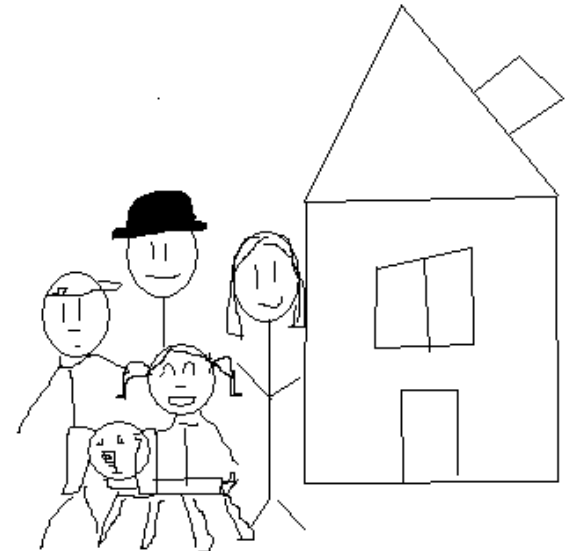
# conclusion

- Most teenager's belief in God has little in common with historic, traditional Christianity that has grounded their congregations and denominations.
- The authors describe teenager faith in these terms:



# moralistic therapeutic deism

1. A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.



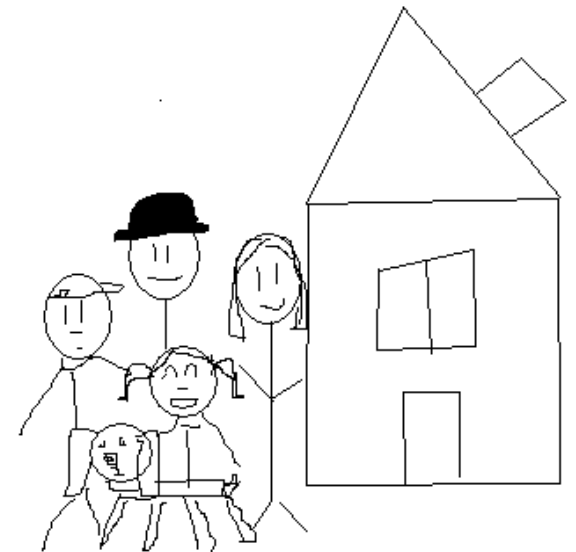
# moralistic therapeutic deism

3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven.



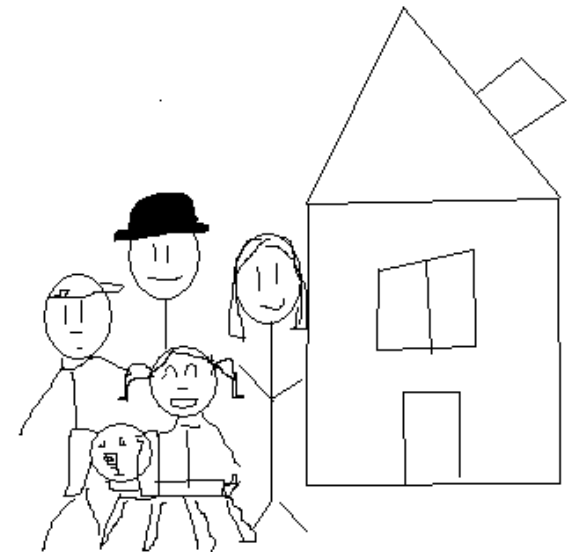
# what can learn from this?

- We need to be more intentional about discipleship in the home.



# recommendations

- The best way “is to get parents more involved.”



# discipleship essentials

- Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip, and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to teach others as well.





# Family discipleship essentials

- Discipling is an intentional relationship in which parents walk alongside their children in order to encourage, equip, and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping them to do the same when they grow up...



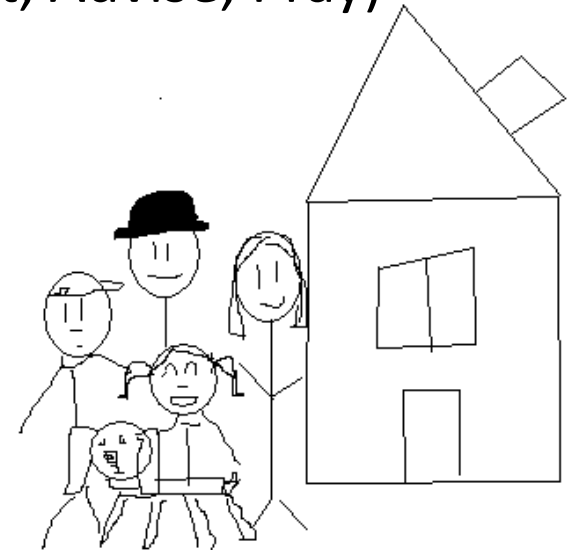
# four quarters

## Quarters

- 0-5
- 5-12
- 12-18
- 18--

## Parent's role

- Care taker (Protector, Provider, Pray)
- Cop (Teach, Train, Discipline, Pray)
- Coach (Teach, Model, Encourage and Pray)
- Consultant (Listen, Support, Advise, Pray)



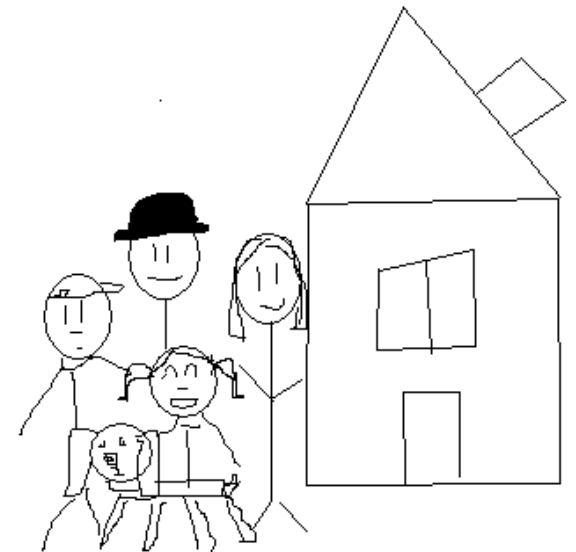
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## Dependence

- Parents
- Parents and God
- God and Parents
- God



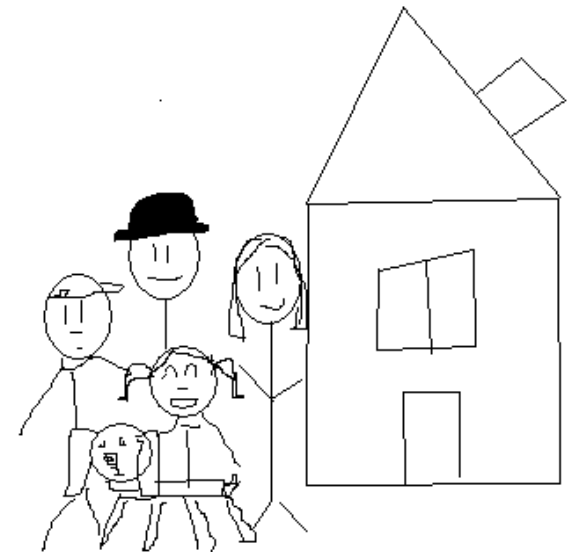
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## Faith Development

- Parents
- Parents and God
- God and Parents
- God (Total Freedom)



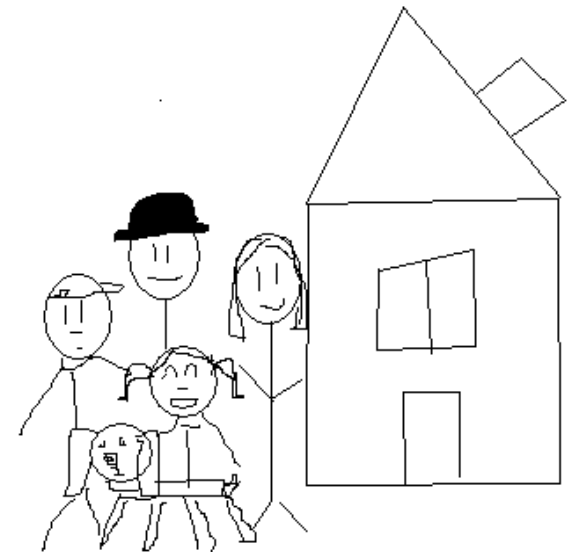
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## In terms of relationship to God

- Parent's faith
- Growing in faith awareness
- Making faith decisions
- Dependence on God



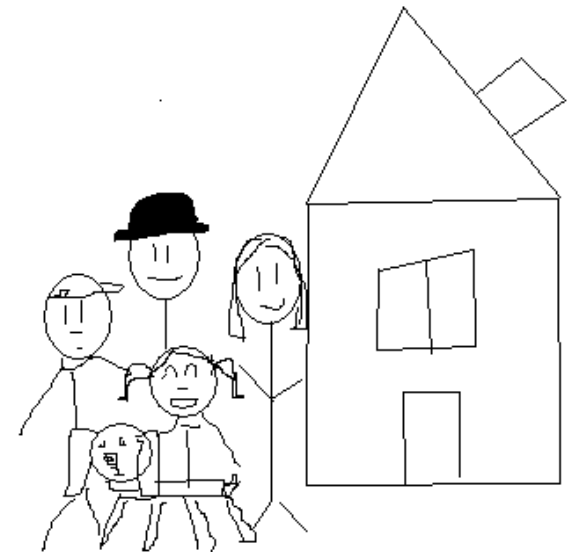
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## Economics

- Totally Dependent
- Still Totally Dependent
- Growing economic responsibility
- Total Freedom





**#1 Fear of Teens:**  
Never discovering their purpose in life.

**#1 Fear of Parents:**  
Not passing their values unto their children.

**MAKING  
G.O.D.'s  
VALUES MY  
PRIORITIES**



**Bar Mitzvah**  
"Son of the Commandments"  
Ownership



\_\_\_ YEARS

\_\_\_ YEARS

**FREEDOMS:**

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**"TOTAL" FREEDOM**

**FREEDOMS:**



**GOD'S  
ROLE:**

- Caretaker
- Protector
- Provider

**BAY OF  
SECURITY**

**JETTY OF  
ADOLESCENCE**

**SEA OF  
INDEPENDENCE**

**0 to 5 YEARS  
CARETAKER**

**ROLE:**

- Protector
- Provider
- Pray

**5 to 12 YEARS  
COP**

**ROLE:**

- Teach
- Train
- Discipline
- Pray

**12 to 18 YEARS** - "Where there is no *vision* the people perish" Proverbs 29:18

**COACH**

**ROLE:** Teach, Model, Encourage & Pray

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**YEARS  
CONSULTANT**

**ROLE:**

- Listen
- Support
- Advise
- Pray

68% of college graduates  
are currently returning home  
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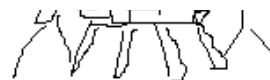
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*A father becomes successful  
through adversity, then with  
his success he banishes from  
his children's lives the very  
thing that made him successful.*

**Foundation: Growing in Wisdom, Stature  
and in Favor with G.O.D. and Man** Luke 2:52

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# last words

Ephesians 5:15-20 & 6:18

- Make the most of every opportunity
- Be filled with the Spirit speaking to one another...
- Always giving thanks
- Always praying for all the Lord's people

