

What's a Mom to do With Teenage Sons?

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- 1. What happens in a son around the age of 12 that changes the way he relates to his mother?**
 - a. You need to know: At the age of 12, a son has an inborn sense that he needs to be with his dad to become a man. Luke 2:42-52

 - b. You need to know: Sons struggle with their mother's leadership as they begin the transition from boyhood to manhood.

 - c. You need to know: Sons have a yearning to be with their father and know that he will lead them to prepare for manhood.

 - d. You need to know: Sons will be motivated to love you by your respect for them as a young man.

- 2. Watch out for seasonal mistakes.**
 - a. Label your son a rebel.
 - b. Try to control through lectures, punishment, and more rules.
 - c. The father may not turn his heat to him and begin the calling out process.
 - d. Send your son to government schools to avoid the conflict.

- 3. Correct responses from dad?**
 - a. Lead your son to understand what is happening and direct this season.
 - b. Explain the inner reactions to his mom.
 - c. Nevertheless, teach him humility and the importance of receiving instructions from her as from the Lord.
 - d. Lead him to practice relational skills with his mother.

- 4. What's a mother to do with her teenage son (or a husband)?**
 1. Inform you husband of the flesh areas which need to be "cut away". It is the husband's responsibility to "circumcise the flesh". Prov. 19:18; 29:17; 2:1; 3:11-12

 2. Pray daily for your husband's and your son's relationship with God and each other.
 3. Point your son to his father and to the Heavenly Father. Gal. 4:6; John 3:30

4. Teach your son as an expression of his father's heart. Prov. 6:20-23

5. Treat him with respect as you do your husband. Eph. 5:33

6. Take an interest in your son's interests. Phil. 2:3-4

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