



**Parenting Through Spiritual Struggle
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I. The path of spiritual growth

II. Five common causes of spiritual apathy:

#1: The parent's heart is not turned toward the teenager

Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Ephesians 6:4

Our children need more spiritual leadership as they get older

Action steps:

#2: The teen's heart is not turned toward the parent

Proverbs 23:24-26

The common factor in prodigal children

Action steps:

#3: The presence of secret sin

Proverbs 5:21-23, Proverbs 9:17-18

Even "pretty good kids" can have secret struggles

Action steps:

#4: Lack of spiritual nourishment

Three essential spiritual meals:

Personal prayer and Scripture

Family Worship

Corporate worship at church

Action steps:

#5: A rebellious spirit

Rebellion from a saved child

Rebellion from a lost child

Our response: full of truth and grace

Their greatest need: The Gospel

Action steps:

Q and A - Further Discussion

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