

The PDF for each session contains a Listening Sheet that should be filled out as husband and wife listen to the session. After listening to the session together, the husband and wife should then separately write out the answers to the discussion questions, and then discuss their answers with each other. If you are single, you can write the answers out and then discuss them with your pastor. After each session ask yourself these two important questions. How can I implement these things in my life? What one thing can I do THIS WEEK to achieve this goal?

Listening Sheet—Part Ten—What to Expect from a Twelve Year Old

The goal of proper parenting: by the age of _____, your child should be able to meet the criteria of Luke chapter 2.

You need to be shooting for these qualities, but also need to remember that kids are not _____ and parents are not _____. We all deal with a sin _____.

If your child does not have these qualities by the age of twelve, they should at least have them before they _____ home.

Your child should be able to shoulder _____. This involves _____ a task and taking care of it. It involves _____ what you need to do and doing it.

Parents develop _____ in their children when they go around trying to fix things instead of letting the child face the consequences.

Your child should solicit _____. Jesus was in the Temple among the doctors and teachers of the law asking questions and answering them.

As a parent, you need to teach your child how to ask _____, and how to seek advice from others. This takes _____.

It is a sign of _____ when a child asks for your input on decisions they are making.

Your child should be able to show _____. This is seen in making _____ choices. Jesus could have chosen to be out with other kids his age playing. Instead He made the choice to be in the Temple with the teachers of the law. He knew these people could _____ to His life.

Your child shows their discernment or lack of it in their choice of _____.

Your child should be able to make a settled _____. Be careful as a parent not to be deceived by childhood _____.

Your child should be able to _____ with respect, and to treat other adults with respect, even if they don't agree with them.

Your child should display _____ obedience without argument.

BA stands for _____ and is seen in disobedience and arguing.

Questions—Part Ten—What to Expect from a Twelve Year Old

1. Why is it important that your child display these qualities before they leave home, no matter what age they are?
2. How do you as a parent help your child to develop irresponsibility instead of responsibility? Are you guilty of doing this?
3. What does the ability to shoulder responsibility look like in a child? Do you see this quality being developed in your children? What can you do to help them learn more responsibility?
4. Does your child ask you for input when they are trying to make decisions?
5. Does your child show discernment in their choice of friends and the crowd they hang with?
6. How can you tell if the commitment your child has expressed to follow Christ is a settled commitment or just a childhood commitment that can change?
7. Does your child speak with respect to you and to others?
8. Is spontaneous obedience seen in your child, or do they tend more to the bad attitude and arguing?
9. Why is BA (bad attitude) worse than BO (body odor)?
10. Which of these six areas seem to be the strongest in your child? Which ones are the weakest areas? Pick one of those weak areas this week, and think of some ways that you can help your child to grow in this area.