

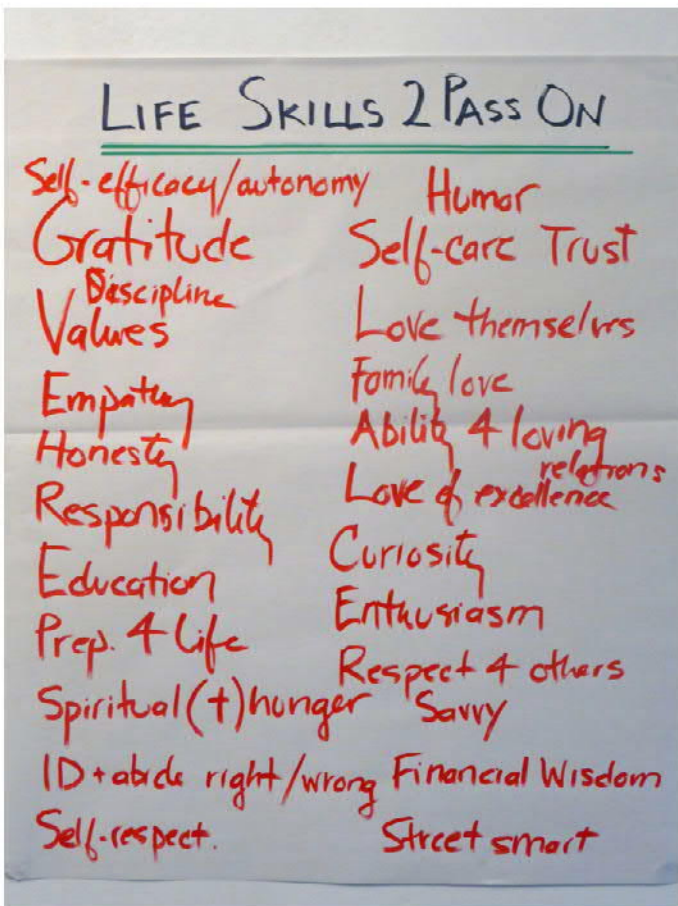
Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for your rich input during our discussion on Sunday afternoon as we explored being the best parents we can be. I enjoyed our intimate group and your avid participation which made learning fun and meaningful.

Here are five take-away messages to encourage you:

1. **Parents are leaders with a high calling.**

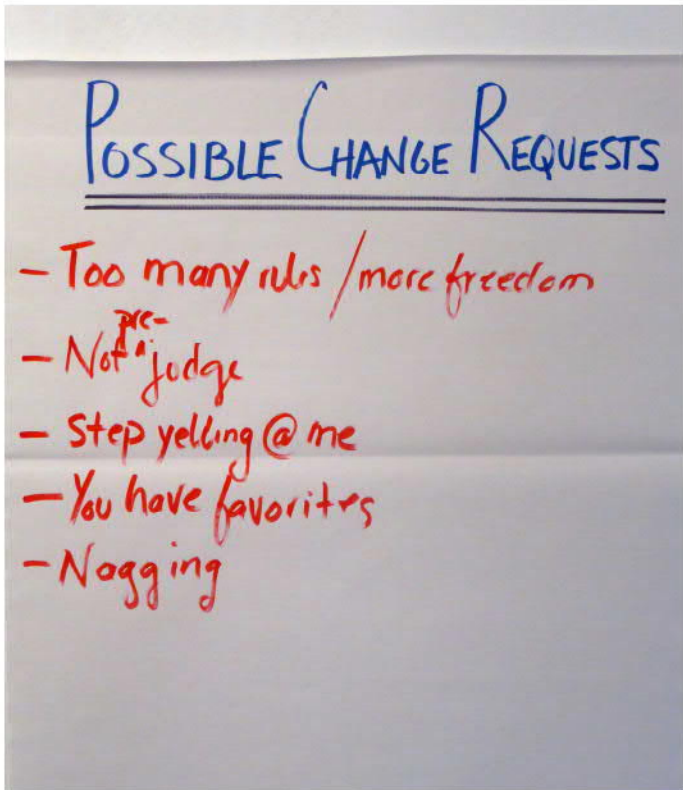
2. **Take courage!** We are already doing many of these. Proof is that our teens already do great things.



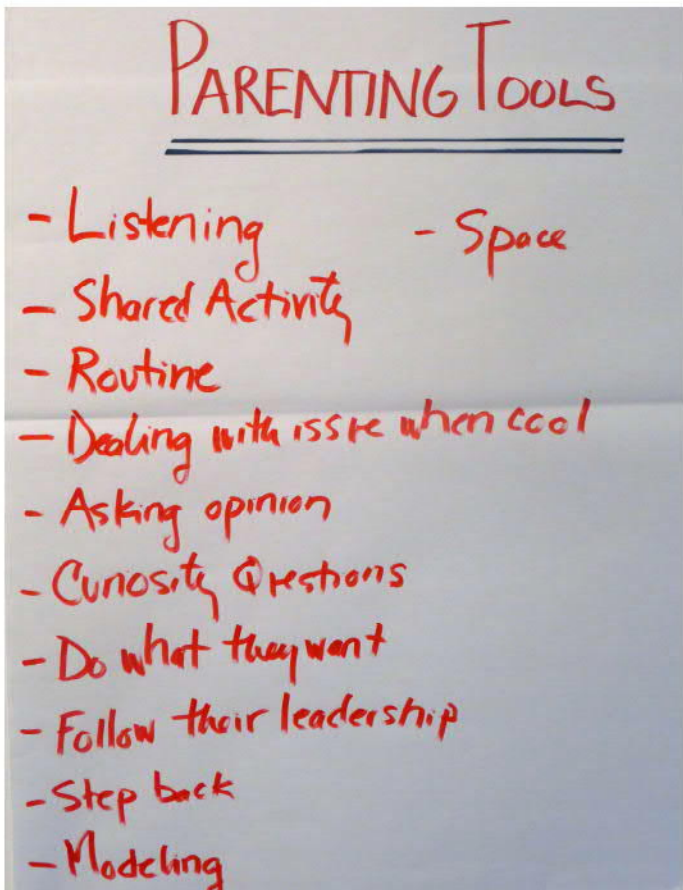
3. **Of course we are not perfect!** That is part of God's plan. Before we reach perfection, God will take us to be with Him. We are on earth to grow and to help those around us grow...(and our faith believes this growth is in knowledge, love, and service of God as made known through Jesus Christ.)

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So, it is NORMAL, that teens would like to make requests to have things change at home.



4. We—**YOU** and I—**are equipped** to handle these change requests with our Parenting Toolkit.



What may have previously been viewed as “mistakes” are truly opportunities to pass on those life skills...during the *strategic* (!) moments offered to us...like during the car ride, when they forget to flush (agh!), when they have responsibilities to fulfill, in their relationships with family, friends, and God, and



5. The **Family Annual Review** is one **absolutely AWESOME** parenting tool to enable change and build up the like skills in our children that we so crave to pass on.

Besides, as we listen and model we apply Micah 6:8 (ACP theme verse) at home: through humility we listen, we mercifully let them speak their minds without judgment, and we seek solutions that appeal to our youth’s sense of justice. Praise the Lord!

May you and your family be blessed this Christmas. Hope you can make the Christmas Concert or join the community for Christmas Eve...how about with your teen and a friend?!

Love in Christ,

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