

One last word...

As we negotiate through these teenage years, we are actually laying the foundation for our adult relationships with our children. Our goal is to give them roots and wings - the wisdom and confidence to be independent and self-reliant coupled with the security and assurance of a supportive and loving family.

As we define this relationship, we should think of being a guide rather than a boss, a wise consultant who is always available to help.

We know we do not have all the answers. We stated that at the outset. But if you and your teen ponder the issues presented in this guide, you should be a bit closer to understanding one another.

It is our hope that this guide helps you in the challenge of raising a responsible, caring young adult. And when he or she asks "Don't you trust me?" you will smile and say, "Of course, I do..."