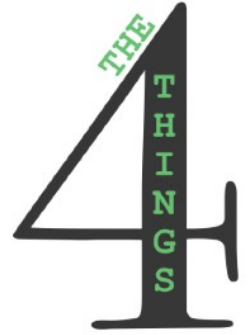


## That parents wish their kids knew



### Getting Started

What are three things you wished your parents knew about you when you were growing up?

If you have children, what are three things that you want them to know about life?

### Going Deeper

Read [Proverbs 3:1-4](#). What life goals do you find in these verses that you would like for yourself and for the people closest to you?

How do you think a strong parent/child relationship can help you and your child reach the following goals?

1. Prolonged life.
2. Peace
3. Prosperity
4. Favor in the sight of God and man.

If you are a parent, which trap are you most likely to fall into that could keep you from being someone to be listened to?

- 1) The threatening parent
- 2) The busy parent
- 3) The distracted parent

[Meghan Leahy Parent Coach](#) put it like this,

*“When we nag, beg, and threaten we teach our children to ignore us.”*

Why do you think this is true?

**62 percent** of kids say their parents are distracted when they are trying to talk to them. Phones, TV and laptops – accounted for 51 percent of the distractions.

- Do you think this is true of you?
- Are you distracted by phones, TV and computers?
- What steps can you take to be more present with the people around you?

Do you agree with this statement?

*Parents, learn to love first, listen second, and give advice third.*

How can you put these words into practice in your own relationships?

Read [Proverbs 19:20](#). How hard is it for you to ask advice of the people around you?

Are your parents the kind of people that you would go to for advice? Why or why not? What advice would you most likely go to your parents for?

If you are a parent, what are you doing to grow your relationship with your child so that they will be more likely to listen to you?

