

# Tools for the Journey: 10 Things Your Son Needs From You

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Your son needs to hear the words that tell him that you love having him as your son.

## DISCIPLINE

Love your son through discipline, showing him boundaries and expectations. This will teach him to expect consequences when he makes mistakes and prepare him for life.

## LEADERSHIP

He needs to see how to be a family leader. He needs to see true leadership in your home.

## EXAMPLE

Show him your failures, not just your successes. But most importantly, show him how to work hard and never give up.

## PRESENCE

You may feel torn in every which way at times, but your son needs you to be present. So be present in his life at home, his social life and his education.

## ACCEPTANCE

He may not make the same choices that you would make, but he needs you to love him anyways. Some of those choices may be mistakes that result in consequences, but your love and guidance will help him through those times.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Share this with him. Not only should you hold him accountable, but ask him to hold you accountable. Share this list with him and ask him to hold you accountable for each of these items.

## HARD WORK

Be your son's best example of hard work. Show him that you have to get your hands dirty, and it is a good thing!

## TRUST

Trust your son, believe in him. Expect him to meet the standards you set by your example, and trust that he will. Trust and respect work hand in hand.

## LOVE

By far, the most important thing your son needs is to not just know, but FEEL that you love him. Don't just tell him, show him.



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