

# Part Six - Parenting Teens to Become Responsible Adults

## *Chapter 10: Your Marriage as You Raise Your Teen*

Most marriages don't end because of abuse, adultery, or addictions. More commonly, they just fade away. The couple quits paying attention to the basics of a healthy marriage, and drift from each other because of the many distractions around them. One day they look up and see a marriage that is lost.

**NOTE:** If you're reading the optional companion book *Understanding Your Teen*, please read chapter 10 before you watch this video. If you are interested in purchasing the book, [please follow this link](#).

*Everyone processes information in different ways. Below you'll find several questions to help spark discussion as a couple or a small group. Pick the ones that you want to talk about and get the conversation started.*

**NOTE:** If you are a single parent this is still an important session for you. It can provide insight into your past relationship or a future relationship. As Jim mentioned in the video, some of the finest parents he knows are single parents.

## QUESTIONS FROM THE VIDEO

- Many parents of teens say that this phase in their marriage is difficult. What makes being intentional about making time for each other challenging?
- What are your thoughts on Jim's challenge to commit to what he calls "The Closer Challenge?" (For information on the book *Closer* by Jim and Cathy Burns visit <https://homeword.com/product-category/devotional/>)

## QUESTIONS FROM CHAPTER 10

- What kind of example are you setting for your teenager by your marriage? What areas have room for improvement?
- What aspects of raising your teen cause conflicts in your marriage?
- What is biggest cause of stress in your marriage right now? What can you do to reduce this stress?
- What are you doing right now to make your spouse feel special and to keep the spark in your marriage alive?
- How are you doing with spiritual intimacy in your relationship?