

ONE THING I WISH MY PARENTS DID OR SAID DIFFERENTLY:

Nothing – I don't think there are any better parents than mine. – M

I wish they supported my decisions in what I choose to do for a career, regardless of whether or not it makes a lot of money. My parents are harder on me because I'm older and I'm a girl. – F

I wish my parent put me in private school earlier. – F

Sometimes I wish they would compromise and listen to my side. – F

I wish they would learn to show love and care in a manner which would actually make me feel loved and cared for, wish they would say things to me that were more encouraging instead of discouraging because it affects my attitude, feelings and motivation. Wish they could support me in what I like to do (of course to my extent). – M

I know the chores I am supposed to do. So if you ask me once and let me do them. When I can I will do them. I hate being constantly reminded of what they want me to do. – F

There was trial and error but we understand each other now. – M

That they would be more understanding about that I'm going to be out on my own soon. That they would spend more time with me, say I love you more. – F

That my mom would chill out and not get angry so quickly or little things. – M

I wish they wouldn't drag on and on when they are getting mad at me for something or lecturing me. I wish they wouldn't be so nosy about what I am doing or my personal life. I wish they would trust me more that I can take care of myself and I am fine on my own. I wish that they were more open about their faith with me and other people including non-Christians. – F

Wished they gave me more room to breathe. I feel like I'm strangled. – F

I wish my mom wasn't so loud and embarrassing all the time. I also wish my parents/family wouldn't yell all the time. Also, I wish my parents had been more open (talked to me more) about sex. It would have been much more helpful growing up. – F

My dad talking to me about something else besides sports. Just caring more about my faith and encouraging me to grow. Talking more about God and asking me about what God has been showing me or just how I'm doing with life. HAVING A DEEPER and MEANINGFUL relationship. Also, not ALWAYS having to be right about everything – not seeing it from my point of view. He is too narrow minded. – F

I wish my parents would not care about every aspect of my life since I am 18, I wish my parents would let me do whatever I want. – F

I wish my parents realized my independence. – F

I wish they wouldn't assume things. Sometimes I wish they would just trust that I'm doing the right thing. – F

I wish they would ask me more often and demand one to tell them what's going on in my life. – M

Stay at home more and gave me words of encouragement rather than words of criticism. – M

I wish that they were more understanding. – M

Sometimes my parents will not deal with an issue until it comes up or they absolutely have to. I wish they would address things like dating or driving or curfew ahead of time so I could know what to expect and not have them flip if I do the wrong thing. Also, sometimes they say yes or no to things based on how they feel, not set rules so something will be okay one day and not the next. My curfew changes everyday and it makes things hard to plan. – F

Kinda wish they would deal with my motivation differently with helping me with motivation problems. – M

My parents got it right – I have no complaints. – M

I wish they didn't expect so much, it gets really stressful. I wish they wouldn't sweat the small stuff. – F

Was how they approached sex – talking to me about oral sex specifically. – F

That they don't have to correct and point out my mistakes, once I've already corrected them. – F

To not guilt trip me and believed in me. Stop trying to change who I am!!! – F

That we were close and they stop using abusive words to me or my sisters. – F

I wish my dad would simply be more open with me. – M

I wish heavy topics were not so hard to talk about. There hard issues would be talked about more often and in everyday conversation . . . when big things came up it would be easier and not as scary to talk about. – F

I wish my mom would stop thinking about depressing things. I wish my dad respected my mom more and would humble himself. – M

I wish my dad wouldn't always tell me what to do but would understand that I know what I need to do and that I have things under control. I know they are gentle reminders but it puts pressure on me . . . even though he doesn't mean to. - ??

I want them to understand that I need a break too. - F

I wish my parents would act more like I am an adult, because they are still concerned about me. - M

I wish my parents weren't so protective of me. There are so many restrictions about what I can do or the amount of people there, ect. I won't do anything stupid like drink, smoke, do drugs, or have sex, so why can't I just enjoy the rest of my high school years with their trust? - F

Listen to me more. - F

I wish they wouldn't look down on me so much. -F

My parents get upset sometimes I guess but they never really lash out. I guess it would have to be that my mom would have more respect for herself and not talk down on herself so much. -F

I wish they always didn't yell and it seems like they get mad over everything. Also back off a little bit, it's my life not theirs. - M

I wish they treated me differently and got off my back and gave me more responsibility and treated me like an adult. -M

Don't judge me on how I dress or act, just by having an earring they think I want to be a gangster. Also they think it relates to gay guys, or it looks gay to get your ear pierced and that's just stupid. -M

Communicated better with me. –F

Listen and ask questions. –F

Nothing, I love them. –F

Sometimes I wish my mother could show she cared a little differently. –F

They didn't ask to many questions. –M

Don't nag, let me dye my hair and get piercings. They did, why can't I? –M

I wish they would actually follow what they preach and start treating me like their blood kids. –F

The way they deal with me day to day. –M

Nothing. They way they have always acted has made me into the person I am today and I am enormously grateful. –M

I'm fine with what they do. –M

Understand me sometimes. –F

Stop ragging. –M

Love me in every aspect for who I am no matter if they like it or not. –F

I love my parents the way they are and they always set a godly example of how to become a mature adult. –F

Arguing, I wish they would rationalize and talk in a calm manner. –M

I wish they supported me, where I truly want to go to college. –M

Nothing. I have great parents. –F

Gave reasons for why they discipline sometimes. –F

My parents are brutal with their words, if they notice I'm gaining some weight they straight up say "Your fat, you need to stop eating!" And one thing they should do differently is let me make my own decisions, they protect me too much and that is building up rebellious things I do; I don't have sex, drink or do drugs, but I do lie a lot. They did the same things with one of my siblings and she rebelled and went a bit overboard and now she is suffering the consequences. I want to make decisions on my vacation plans, sports, etc. –F

I wish they would give me a chance to choose what I want to do, like give me more privileges and freedom. I wish they didn't worry so much and were more relaxed. –M

I wish my sister didn't have as many privileges as she does because when I was her age I wasn't allowed to do some things she does (example, wear make-up). –F

That my parents wouldn't be so controlling. –F

I wish they would hear what I say the first time and not overreact about everything. –F

I wish that they wouldn't nag and demand that I do something, I wish they didn't make me feel like the stupidest person when I get a C. –F

I wish they wouldn't give me a lecture 5 minutes before school because then my whole day is messed up; same with before other activities. -M

I wish they were more open-minded about important things. I wish they weren't afraid to speak their minds. -F
I wish I was a priority to them. My sisters games always take priority over mine. When it was football season she never came to a single game. -M

I wish my mom wouldn't ask the same questions over and over (example, do you have homework...over and over). -M

I wish they would show encouragement, they would help me with my complaints instead of taking the opposite side of my complains and making me upset and wish that I would have never talked to you about it. When I ask you a question, I just want an answer, don't give me a novel because then my mind wanders and I shut you out. Simple answer please! I also wish that they would let me have my teenhood because once I am grown up I can't go back, so please let me live a little. It would also be nice if you notice the things I do instead of noticing the things I don't. -F

I wish they respected my opinion more than they do now. -F

Not to compare me with different people (like behavior, academic grade and etc.). -M

I don't need a lecture when we are just talking about whats going on in my life. I just want someone to talk to, not someone to tell me I'm wrong every second of my life. -M

They always say that I can do good without them and I don't like it...I hope they have more of a plan for me. -F

Be satisfied when I answer the question for the first time, because it's going to be the same answer the next time you ask me. -M

I wish my parents tried to relate and understand how hard it is sometimes to be a teenager. I wish they could walk around in my shoes for a day. -F

I wish my parents would stop saying tests are hard and I shouldn't be getting bad grades on them even if it is a B. -F

Their approach to everything is wrong and sometimes I feel like they just want to be mean and they really don't care. I wish that they would tell me when I did something good or right instead of everything I do wrong. -F

I wish my mom wouldn't talk to, and about, me as if I'm still a little child. She doesn't have to repeat herself over and over again. Only 2 times at max. She doesn't have to remind me what to do when I do it everyday. I wish she would respect me like I've tried to respect her. I wish she would stop seeing me as a little child but as a young adult. -F

I wish they would not overreact when something small comes up. -M

That they would learn to listen. -F

I wish my mom would just loosen up, it seems like she is always making new rules and that she is always bugging me about school. I don't want to be like her in any way, but I do want to be like my dad because he is understanding and doesn't put himself first. -M

Don't tell me to do two things at once and then yell at me to do the second thing while I'm still doing the first thing. Stop yelling at me all the time. -F

Trust me more. -F

I wish my parents acted more in love with each other. That my dad would be more understanding toward me when I make mistakes. -F

Nothing. I love my mom. -F

Trust me more and don't always doubt me and let me have more freedom and independence. -F

I wish my parents trusted me more/gave me more freedom. I'm a good student and responsible, but they can't seem to realize that when it comes to my social life. I can deal with a lot more than they think I can and while I like them protecting me, they don't always have to shield me from everything. -F

I wish my parents would let me go and hang out with my friends. I wish my parents would encourage and compliment me more. I wish my parents would just understand. I wish my parents would loosen up rules in some areas of my life. -F

I wish my mom would stay out of my relationships. She's kind of obsessed about this guy I like, he's a really neat person so I can kind of understand, but sometimes she acts like she is the one dating him or who likes him. -F

I wish my mom wouldn't make fun of me for being so sensitive. -F

I wish they weren't controlling and/or asked too many questions. -F

I wish they knew what it's like to be in school these days. I wish they knew what it's like to have so much homework. -M

I wish my parents would listen to music that I like and not only Christian music. -M

Ask me better questions than "What did you do today?" or "Did you have a good day at school?" -M

That they didn't punish me so much. -M

Let me do more stuff. -M

They talk to me more like an adult or a friend. -M

Let me have more freedom. -M

I can't think of anything at the moment. -F

That they wouldn't trust me as much and would let me know when I need help. -M

To teach me better. -F

Please have more time to spend with their children. -M

Trying to get me to do my homework. -M

That they didn't criticize me so much and get on my case about stuff. -M

Nothing. -M

I wish my dad didn't drink. -F

I want them to stop blaming me for their marital problems. Or complaining to me even when I do something right. -F

There is nothing that I wish my parents did differently because I believe that everything they do is purposed by God, so that I learn from everything they teach, say and do. -F

"It's okay to feel like a failure." -M

Like what I do today. -M

I wish they would stop smoking and talk nicer about people even if they don't like them. -F

Less boy scouts. -F

Believed me more, that I'm trying to be a good person. They trusted me that I know what I'm doing. Stop comparing me to my sister! -F

Take more care of my brother. -M

I wish they weren't as embarrassing. -M

That school isn't my life, I don't have to study non-stop. I'll study a lot but not every waking minute. -M

I wish my parents wouldn't blow things out of proportion. -F

Gave me more freedom so I wouldn't have to do bad things. Listened to me. Trusted me. Don't care as much. -F

I wish my parents weren't so controlling. I wish I could drive. -F

Stop getting mad at my grades. -M

When my mom says good job. -M

I want them to stop bugging me constantly about my school work and let me take care of it myself. -F

I wish they let me be more independent. They smother me too much. They need to trust me and just let me be me. -M

Stop bugging me. -M

I wish they didn't yell and they understood me better. -M

To be more supportive of what we do, like driving, friends, what I want to do, etc. -F

That they wouldn't yell and let me do more things that I want to do. -F

I wish they were more sensitive with their words. I remember every single thing they say that attacks me mentally or physically. -F

I hate when my parents (mom especially) blame me and don't allow me to do certain things because they think I have wrong motives. It's like they/she doesn't believe me when I say this is why I want to do it or whatever. In her mind she compares me to my older brothers and things I must have the same motives as them.

She can't get it through her mind that I'm completely different from them and I have a burning desire to do God's will. Yet in her mind I'm no different from my brothers. -F

Be less hard on me concerning grades and the SATs. -F

Were not so strict about school work and where I meet my friends. -F

I don't like how my mom says I'm everything for her when she never mentions God even though she says she's a Christian, I doubt it. I wish she would just say the truth about some things, she lies just to win an argument. -F

I wish they were more fair in some arguments. -M

To not act like they know about being a teen in my time. -F

Didn't always have to have a laundry list of what I'm going to do when I go out. -M

When we argue. -M

Communicate better so that we can understand how each of us feels so we aren't yelling and fighting with each other. -F

I wish they wouldn't compare me to my friends. -M

Stop talking and just tell me what I need to know. -M

Less pressure on school and more easy-going with rules. -F