

On your own (preparing for moving out of my family home)
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(for ages 18 and up)

Ready to break the cord and move out? Scriptural advice on looking for living arrangements, dealing with roommates, and making wise choices.

Things that would be helpful to do, before you move:

Will there be regular times of Bible reading, discussion and prayer?
Put things in writing and sign and date. Disagreements will be minimized.

Never leave home in anger. Parents are trying to make your departure to go through a swinging door where you are always welcome and can go for advise. Honor your parents now and when you leave.

Have them work with you on your plan.

1. Financial arrangements (Luke 14:28 building, set down and figure cost)
Rent/Payments write this down and agree when the payments are turned in and who will make payment to landlord, bank, etc.)
Utilities : get monthly estimates from landlord or Utility company.
Cable/Internet - do we want this in our home and how much.
Food: Buying, preparing, clean up. More to follow.
Prepare a budget/ spending plan.
2. Living arrangements
Pets, Smoking
Quiet hours
Hospitality/Dinner/Parties
Boyfriends and Girlfriends (when are they allowed and where in living area?)
3. Cleaning
Who does what
Level of cleanliness

Things to work on now

1. Communication and Conflict Management
2. Practice active listening and assertiveness **Active listening** is the ability to let another person know you understand them by restating their message.
Examples: "I want,...I feel...I would like to talk about...'I' statements"

Assertiveness is the ability to express your feelings and ask for what you want.

a. Make a wish list of three things you would like more or less of....

b. Speaker's job

"I wish....and I would feel.....if my wish happened"

c. Listener's job

Describe the wish and how the other person would feel if the wish came true.

2. Listening Principles - Focus on what is being said... not how you feel or your defense

James 1:19

Proverbs 1:5

Clarifying questions: "Are you telling me that _____?"

"What did you mean when you said _____?"

Summary questions: "Of all that you just said, what do you want me to understand?"

"What do you need from me most right now?"

3. Speaking Principles

Ephesians 4:29 ..no corrupt words out of mouth.. edifying only. Proverbs 10:19 too many words destroy, zip it up and be wise. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 time to speak, time to be quiet. Vs. 11 beauty. Ephesians 4:26 be angry and sin not...settle quickly

4. Other Verses

Psalm 19:14 words and thoughts acceptable to God.

Proverbs 17:27,28 use few words—zip it.

Proverbs 12:18 false and true speakers.

Matthew 7:3 logs in my eye and specks in my friend's eye.

Proverbs 20:19 neither tale bearer or flattery.

Proverbs 18:13 Don't make a decision until you hear both sides.

5. Learn to receive feedback

Learn to give feedback

6. Personal time management

7. Financial management

8. Do you understand and practice basic etiquette?

Joshua 24:15

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." '

Joshua 1:8-9

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."²

Possible Living Options: (Could be more)

1. Living with parents
2. Living with another family
3. Living with roommate(s)
4. Living by yourself

Possible Living Situations: (Could be more)

Apartments

Duplex

Rent a house, a basement

Own a home

Matthew 15:3-6 (Mark 7:10, Mark 10:19, Luke 18:20)

"And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ⁵But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," ⁶he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.