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## **Introduction**

I know that being a teen these days is more difficult than any other time in the history of our world. There are more problems; more temptations and those temptations are stronger and more potent than ever before. Today teens have so much pressure, so much stress that many well-meaning parents just cannot understand. At the same time, please understand that if it's more difficult for teens than ever before then it's reasonable to assume that it's more difficult for us as parents of teens than ever before. So let's be patient with each other.

The challenge we parents have is communicating and instilling our values and lessons we want them to learn so they don't make the same mistakes we made. I wrote this book to accentuate the life lessons I am trying to impart in your life. I hope I have modeled them in such a way that you want to incorporate these life principles into your daily living. I know that I

am not the perfect parent and I have made many mistakes. But when I have recognized that I made a mistake, I have asked for your forgiveness and I thank you for your forgiveness. Nevertheless I have tried my best at being the best dad I could possibly be because I deeply love you. I made many mistakes as a teen and I don't want you to make those same mistakes. Many of the principles I am passing on I learned from the mistakes I made as a teen. I hope you will take these basic life lessons and run with them. Run the race of life with great passion because life is a wonderful gift God has given us. Even though we all experience ups and downs in our lives, life truly is great. Life is what you make it to be, so make life great and it will be great.

Some of the life principles you may not understand yet but in time you will. They will make sense to you. My prayer is that as you read these principles they will become part of your soul to guide you as you go through life. I love you **BIGTIME** and know that I got your six!