



A is for Attitude

Lord, please give our grown children a spirit of gratitude (Heb. 12:28), a heart that's inclined to rejoicing (Phil. 4:4), and a mind that dwells on the positive: the good, the lovely, the noble, the true, the praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8). We pray that they would adopt an outlook on life that is perpetually sunny in as much as it stays perpetually focused on the Your blessed Son, the Light of the World, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 12:46).

D is for Diligence

God, give our children a heart to work hard (1 Cor. 15:58). Teach them to be disciplined and dependable in discharging whatever duties You assign to them (Eph. 2:10). Help them do their work heartily—unto the Lord (Col. 3:23)—and cheerfully, without grumbling or complaining (Philip. 2:14). May they invest their time, talents, and resources wisely (Psalm 90:12) as faithful, competent, and compassionate laborers (Psalm 112:4-5), doing all You've called them to do with excellence and integrity (Titus 2:7-8).

U is for Understanding

Give these young adults a spirit of discernment, Lord, and grant them wisdom beyond their years (Psalm 119:98-100). May they seek hard after the Truth and never forsake it (3 John 1:4). We ask You to add to their faith virtue and to their virtue knowledge (2 Peter 1:5) and give them eyes to see and ears to hear and a heart that is ever attuned to Your still, small voice (Deut. 29:4). Teach them to love Your Word and commit it to memory (Psalm 119:97), meditating on it in the night watches (Psalm 119:48) and seeking to live by it every moment of every day (Rom. 12:2).

L is for Love

Make love the defining characteristic of our adult children's lives, O Lord (1 John 4:11-12). May they love You with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and love their neighbors as they love themselves (Mark 12:30-31). Grant them a heart that is wholly sold out to You, Jesus (1 Thess. 5:23). Help them follow in Your footsteps as You teach them to forgive freely (Eph. 4:32), to love their enemies and pray earnestly for those who persecute or spitefully use them (Luke 6:27-28), and to be patient with people who irritate, annoy, or rub them the wrong way (Ephesians 4:2).

T is for Testimony

We pray our grown children will glorify You in everything they do, Lord (1 Cor. 10:31). Teach them to value a good name above great riches (Prov. 22:1), renouncing pride and hypocrisy and demonstrating virtue and moral strength of character in both their public and private lives (1 Peter 2:1). Make them quick to confess and repent of sin (1 John 1:9), acknowledging their utter dependence upon You for grace, mercy, strength, and endurance to stay the course (Heb. 4:16) while giving all praise and glory and honor to You (Jude 1:24-25). May their lives continually point others to Jesus (2 Cor. 5:15).