Seven Things Teens Are Dying to Tell Their Parents
(Use outline with GOT Article)

Introduction:
A. Article by John A. Smith. (GOT 10/20/88).

Discussion:

I. Keep Cool.
A. Slow to anger. (Prov. 15:1, 18; Jas. 1:19).
B. Example of gentleness. (2 Tim. 2:24-26).
C. Uncontrolled anger provokes anger. (Eph. 6:4).

II. Please Show Us Who's Boss.
A. Sparing Rod. (Prov. 13:24).
B. Chasten child while there is hope. (Prov. 19:18).
C. A child left to himself. (Prov. 29:15).
D. Solomon's predecessors.
   1. Eli.
   2. Samuel.
   3. David.
E. Children who boss the home want to boss elsewhere.

III. Don't Blow Your Class.
A. Need example of mature Christian. (cf. 1 Tim. 4:12).
B. Value of mature to teach immature. (cf. Tit. 2:3-5).

IV. Please, Light a Candle.
A. Need to be assured that God:
   1. Loves them. (Rom. 5:8).
   2. Made them. (Acts 17:).
B. Need solid teaching, not spiritual "junk food".
   1. Need some strong meat.
   2. Fed milk at home, resent meat at church.

V. Scare Us.
A. Let them know consequences of sin. - here and hereafter.
B. Follow example of heavenly Father.
   1. Threatens with punishment.
   2. Provides way of escape.

VI. Call Our Bluff.
A. Children threatens to leave, drop out of school.
B. Do not be intimidated.

VII. Be Honest with Us.
A. Lying and dishonesty condemned. (Ex. 20:16; Col. 3:16).
B. Hypocrisy condemned. (Matt. 23:23).
C. Lying, dishonest, hypocritical parents raise after their kind.

Conclusion:
A. Detective Garner's conclusion in article.