

# Download Enjoy Your Middle Schooler

Wayne Rice, president of Understanding Your Teenager, is the author of Understanding Your Teenager and Enjoy Your Middle Schooler, and the father of three grown children. Wayne is a frequent speaker at conferences, seminars, and other events for youth, youth workers, and parents. Know middle schoolers long for your praise. In middle school everyone else has an opinion, and they are usually negative opinions. More than that, middle schoolers often feel as if they don't live up to your high expectations, so every word of praise is appreciated. Point out ways you see your middle schooler growing in positive ways. How to deal with it: Treat your middle school kids the same way you should treat the internet: Don't share anything you aren't willing to see broadcast in public. 6. They just now realized you are a human being. Wait...never mind. 2. Being hopelessly, obsessively in love with someone. Middle-schoolers are notorious for being fickle, but what their affections may lack in duration, they make up for in intensity. The Adored One may be someone your child has never interacted with, doesn't currently interact with, and will never interact with.