#### Motivation By Appreciation (Five Love Languages)

#### Acts of Service

Don't tell me you care, show me. Actions speak louder than words.

#### Tips:

- Ask before you help.
- Serve voluntarily
- Check your attitude
- Do it their way
- Complete what you start
- Discover what service would be most meaningful

# **Quality Time**

Giving the person your UNDIVIDED attention. This could include quality conversations; which means you LISTEN more than you talk.

Tips for conversations:

- Maintain eve contact
- Do not multi task, just listen
- Listen for feelings as well as thoughts
- Affirm the feelings even if you disagree with the content
- Observe body language
- Do not interrupt

Other dialects of QT:

- Shared experiences
- Small group dialogue
- Close physical proximity

# **Receiving Gifts**

Giving the right gift to a person who appreciates tangible rewards sends a powerful message. Thoughtless gifts do more harm than good. Do your research first.

Possible gifts:

- Tickets to events
- Gift cards to restaurants
- Certificates for services
- Flowers
- Time off
- Flexibility

## **Words of Affirmation**

Give specific, person oriented praise. Praise traits and personality not just achievements.

How and where to affirm:

- One on one
- In front of others
- In writing
- In public

## **Physical Touch**

This is NOT USED in a school or work setting because of the possibility of discomfort. You may find it is somewhat awkward with your teenagers too.

### Tips:

- Touch has to be on their terms
- It WILL NOT resemble the touch you were used to when they were children
- Treat your teenagers like CATS. Sit still and they are more likely to come to you
- Do not initiate touch in front of their peers
- Remain open to physical intimacy with them; they still need you, just in a different way