DEEPEN YOUR PARENTING, ASK BETTER QUESTIONS by Dr. Kathryn Soward

LOW VALUE QUESTION	HIGH VALUE QUESTION
You're so distracted by your phone and social media. Why can't you pay attention to me?	Hey, we are all so busy these days, and I'd love to catch up with each other. How about we go grab lunch somewhere tomorrow?
Why are you procrastinating and always running late?	Your life is so busy these days with school, work and friends. I love how you're staying involved with so many activities but was wondering if you need any help from me? Are you feeling overwhelmed with anything?
I'm concerned that you're not eating healthy and not taking care of yourself. Why are you eating so much junk food?	Now that you're moving away to live on your own, I was thinking about giving you some recipes to take with you. Would you like me to teach you how to make a few of your favorite dishes?
Your room is always so messy, and you can't find anything in there. How are you ever going to make it in college?	Your busy schedule makes it hard to find time to organize and keep up with your room. How about this weekend we put a movie on in your room and I give you a little help?
You're constantly on the go, or have friends with you, or are on your phone or computer. How can you even think with so much going on?	Life is so busy, that a quiet break alone helps me relax and recharge. When you're away at school, do you ever feel bombarded all week and need a little down time to rest and gather your thoughts?