

WELCOME TO THE PARENT CONNECTION!

ENJOY SOME FOOD AND VISIT WITH OTHERS




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WHY DO WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT
TECHNOLOGY?



WHY TALK ABOUT TECH?

- Pervasive
 - Encroaching
 - Rapidly changing
 - Potential Dangers
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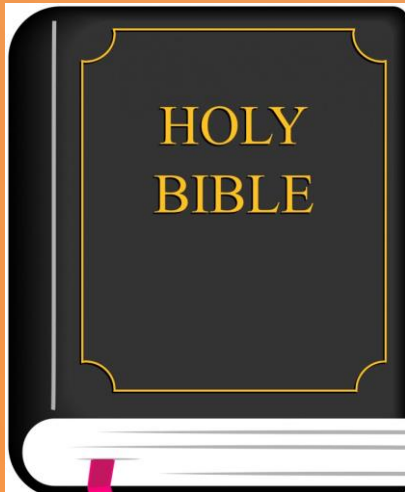
HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH TECHNOLOGY?



- Very Good

And

- Cursed



HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH TECHNOLOGY?

Avoid ← Engage → Surrender

The diagram features a horizontal spectrum of three terms: 'Avoid', 'Engage', and 'Surrender'. The word 'Engage' is positioned in the center and is rendered in a large, bold, dark red font. A thick, light blue double-headed arrow originates from the center of 'Engage' and extends horizontally to the left and right, pointing towards the words 'Avoid' and 'Surrender' respectively. The words 'Avoid' and 'Surrender' are in a white, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a solid orange background, which is decorated with white circuit-like line art in the corners.


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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TECHNOLOGY IN OUR
LIVES?



PURPOSE OF TECH

- What is the purpose of life?
- Purpose of tech must align with this.



37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39



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HOW DO WE DISCERN THE RIGHT USE OF TECH?



DISCERN THE RIGHT USE

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- Content
- Addiction
- Not fulfilling responsibilities
- etc

SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- What is the motive/heart behind use?


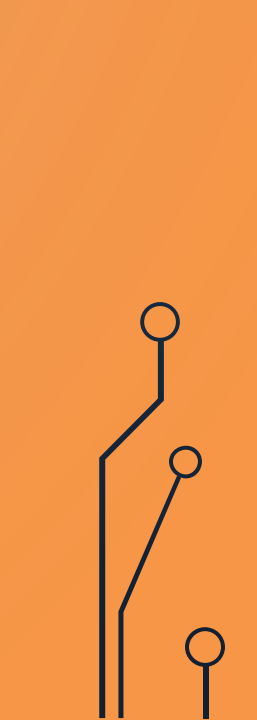


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HOW DO WE SHEPHERD OUR FAMILIES WITH
TECHNOLOGY?



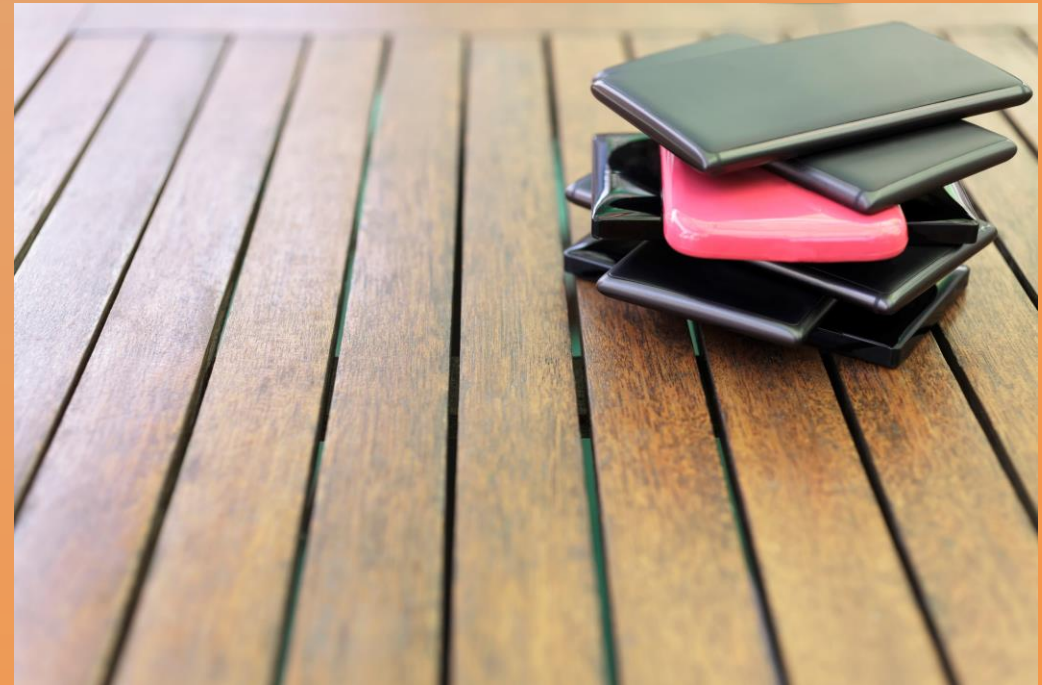
SHEPHERD OUR FAMILIES

- Loving relationships
 - Clear guidelines (for everyone)
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A stack of five smartphones is placed on a wooden table with vertical slats. The stack consists of four black phones and one bright pink phone in the middle. The background is a warm, orange-toned wood grain. The word "SMARTPHONES" is written in white, uppercase letters across the lower-left portion of the image.

SMARTPHONES

- What is your favorite thing about owning a smartphone?
- What is your least favorite thing about owning a smart phone?



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Avoid ← Engage → Surrender





SMARTPHONES ARE PORTABLE

PORTABILITY

- What can be negative about this?



PORTABILITY

- Decreased productivity
- Addiction



ADDICTION



- 50% feel addicted to their phones
(“Children and Adolescents and Digital Media”, Technical Report, American Academy of Pediatrics)
- Digital natives are more likely to think of their device as an extension of themselves
- Anxiety, lack of security without phone

PORTABILITY

- Decrease productivity
- Become addicted
- Lose sleep & rest
- Message lack of value to those around us
- Distract us from deep reflection and time communing with God




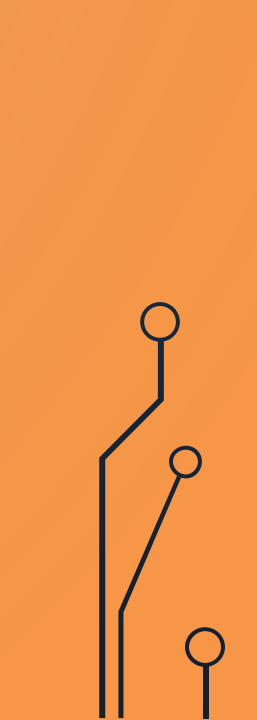
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- How do we shepherd proper use of our portable devices?





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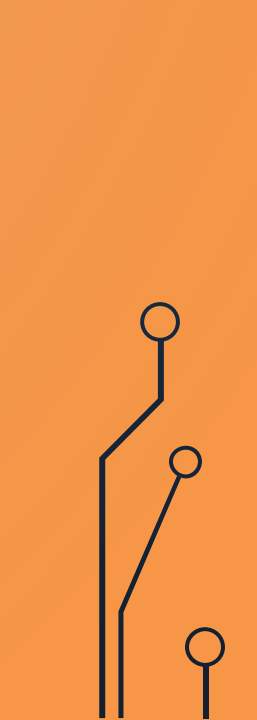


- Time and space boundaries
 - No phones in bedrooms
 - 1 hour/day, 1 day/week, 1 week/year (Andy Crouch, *The Tech-Wise Family*)
 - Prioritize people around you
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PORTABILITY

2 John 12 (NIV):

I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.



PORTABILITY

- What are benefits?





SMARTPHONES HAVE CAMERAS

CAMERA



- What can be negative about cameras on smartphones?

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- Mediated life

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- Mediated life
- Image-driven



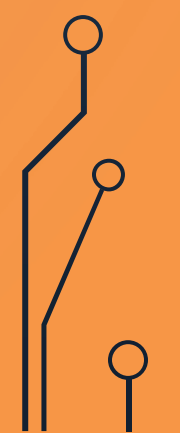
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- How do we shepherd proper use of our cameras in life experiences?



CAMERA

- Enjoy experiences for themselves
 - Affirm kids for who they are in your own eyes and God's eyes
 - Celebrate moments without taking pictures
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CAMERA



- Mediated life
- Image-driven
- Sexting


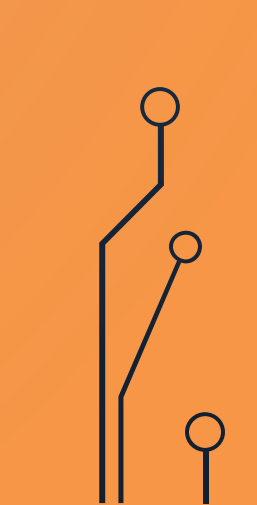
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- How do we shepherd against sexting?



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- Teach about dangers
 - Train protocol
 - Seek to discover the heart behind the actions
 - Monitor messages
 - Bark
 - Look through yourself
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CAMERA



- What are benefits?

- Join us on February 17th for our next Parent Connection!

