

# Guarding Your Kids

## Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Part 3

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*“The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, **in whom I find protection**. He is my **shield**, the **power** that saves me, and my place of **safety**. He is my **refuge**, my savior, the one who saves me from violence.” (2 Samuel 22:2–3, NLT)*

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.” (Proverbs 31:8, NLT)*

### What I Need to Protect My Kids From

#### 1. Harmful **PEERS**.

*“**Bad company** corrupts good character.” (1 Corinthians 15:33b, NLT)*

*“The LORD lives! Praise to my Rock! May God, the Rock of my salvation, be exalted! ...He rescued me from [my enemies]. You pulled me from the grip of upstarts, **You saved me from the bullies**.” (2 Samuel 22:47, 49, NLT / The Message)*

#### 2. Heavy **FEARS**.

*“The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? **The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger**, so why should I tremble?” (Psalm 27:1, NLT)*

##### Family Insecurity

*“But, dear brothers, I beg you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to **stop arguing** among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be **splits** in the church. **I plead with you** to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” (1 Corinthians 1:10, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

##### Material Insecurity

*“People who don't **take care of their relatives**, and especially **their own families**, have given up their faith. They are worse than someone who doesn't have faith in the Lord.” (1 Timothy 5:8, CEV)*

##### Relational Insecurity

*“Now it is time to **forgive him and comfort him**. Otherwise he may become so bitter and discouraged that he won't be able to recover. Please show him now that you still do love him very much.” (2 Corinthians 2:7–8, The Living Bible)*

##### Stress

*“**When anxiety overtakes me** and worries are many, Your comfort lightens my soul.” (Psalm 94:19, VOICE)*

Contagious worry & peace

***“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”*** (Philippians 4:6–7, NLT)

3. **KNOWLEDGE** beyond their years.

***“Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.”*** (1 Corinthians 14:20b, ESV)

***“LORD, ...I am not concerned with great matters or with subjects too difficult for me. Instead, I am content and at peace. As a child lies quietly in its mother’s arms, so my heart is quiet within me.”*** (Psalm 131:1–2, GNB)

**Action:** How to Teach God’s Design for Sexuality Course

4. Evil that **STEERS**.

***“We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.”*** (1 John 5:19, NLT)

**Action:** FACETIME Course

***“I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.”*** (John 17:15, NLT)

**ACTION STEPS**

**Parent Con Saturday!**

Take one of the Parent Courses

Read one of the Parenting Books