

Southside Baptist Church
VBS – Parent Tool Kit – 7-19-23
Session 3 – Equipping Kids in a Pornographic World

1. Introduction:

a. Tough parenting subjects and decisions:

- 1) Becoming a parent for the time is such an amazing moment.
- 2) That overwhelming sense of now being a dad created questions in my mind.
 - a) How does this work? What does it look like each day?
- 3) When didn't know all the things we would face and deal with regarding our kids.
- 4) The question about cell phones, iPad, and computers came up.
- 5) We you make decisions, keep this in mind:
 - a) When you are raising kids, treat every decision as important and consider not only the impact in that moment but also what the fruit of that decision will produce over time.
- 6) You can avoid feeling pressured and having to make quick reactionary decisions.
 - a) To do this, you will need to develop a _____ for your family.

b. So important to understand this critical verse from Solomon.

- 1) **Proverbs 22:6** – “**Train up** (to narrow, to initiate, to dedicate or discipline) **a child in the way** (according to the commandment of, (WHAT IS YOUR TARGET?) do this by – conversation, custom, journey, manner, as a passenger) **he should go** (a course of conduct, road, journey, behavior TARGET) **and when he is old** (aged man, when he is mature) (What happens if does not mature?) **he will not depart** (will not turn off truth) **from it.**”
 - a) To “**train up**” – includes a plan, a vision.
 - b) “**In the way the way he should go**” – need to know how God has shaped and is shaping your child.
 - c) “**when he is old he will not depart**” – be sure you know what this means.

2. How does this play into equipping our kids in a pornographic world?

a. Vision is important for it naturally provides what you desperately need:

- 1) **ACCOUNTABILITY!** What is it?
 - a) The greatest ally parents have apart from the Word of God and the Spirit of God when it comes to raising kids is a solid, wisely implemented and consistent vision for the family that should provide the needed accountability with your children.

b. Are you willing to acknowledge the truth?

- 1) If we are honest, we recognize that we each need accountability 24/7.
 - a) Besetting sins, like that of pornography, breed fast and furiously when there is no accountability.

- 2) Three key words for us to consider: Guiding, Guarding and Growing

3. Guiding reflects knowledge and a plan:

a. Guides are a blessing.

b. Parents are guides to help direct the desires:

1) Do you remember adolescence?

2) What happens if you, as a parent, ignore those desires and emotions in your kids?

a) Daniel Weiss points out – “it sets them free to accept and live by what the world would say to them at this time.”

3) As parents, this is your chance to identify for them the difference between what God says about how they were created and why they were created that way – their sexuality.

4) From “Treading Boldly Through a Pornographic World” – “the culture is directing people today to follow their sexual desires and if they do so they will find fulfillment.”

5) Pointing out the contrast between what God says and the culture can help your kids stand strong when they encounter the culture.

6) For some parents this may require you to adjust your own mindset.

c. Guiding in truth is biblical:

1) **Proverbs 29:9-13** –

a) What they will hopefully learn, even though sometimes their learning will be through heart-breaking experiences, is to see that truth will help them, guide them and protect them.

2) Consider this analogy – Approach technology in the home the way we approach driving.

4. Guarding requires wisdom and a work of the Spirit of God.

a. It is more than rules:

1) Rules do serve a purpose but –

2) Families should operate on the basis of love relationships.

3) Some rules are reactionary and made out of anger.

4) This is a way that fathers provoke their children to anger.

a) **Ephesians 6:4** – “**And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath** (“**provoke**” - what are things a father does that brings their children to wrath?) (“**provoke**” - to bring to anger alongside) (What happens when a Father does nothing or lives a lie and the child finds out – does that provoke anger?), **but bring** (rear up, maturity, nourish) **them up in the nurture** (tutor, educate, training – cultivate their mind and morals - disciplinary correction, chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture) **and admonition** (calling, attention, mild rebuke, warnings of) of the Lord.”

b) “bring them up” – what is the plan?

c) “nurture” – does this speak of time and investment?

b. Two examples of what guarding may look like:

- 1) Josh Glazer –
- 2) Daniel Weiss –

c. Some ideas to help develop a strategy to Guard:

- 1) I have a handout for you at the end.
- 2) Some other tools might include:
 - a) Internet Filters –
 - b) Ad Blockers –
 - c) Accountability Software –
 - d) Spyware –

5. Growing together bears fruit for a lifetime:

a. Remember **Proverbs 22:6**?

1) When they are “old.” mature, they will not depart from it.

b. Be wise in the ups and downs:

- 1) Take note of and commend the ups –
- 2) Be ready to love and speak truth in the downs –

c. One more exhortation towards accountability.

1) Accountability is the state of being liable to answer for one’s conduct; liability to give account, and to receive reward or punishment for actions.

2) Why is it so important?

- a) Ownership –
- b) Transparency –
- 3) Accountability is a blessing –

6. Tonight’s Take Away:

a. Are you ready to create a Vision for your family?

Resource: Book by Daniel Weiss and Josh Glazer, “Treading Boldly Through a Pornographic World”