

FAMILY MATTERS IN 2020

How to Raise Kids in a Digital World, Part 2

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1. The pace of technology has surpassed our capacity to develop enough wisdom to handle it so there's a sense of being overwhelmed. How do we handle the new apps that our kids are going to install on their phone next week? The truth is we don't even know how to handle the current technology our family is using on their phones and tablets today.
2. **QUESTIONS** parents should ask about technology:
 - A. Has this technology brought your family closer together, or pushed you apart?
 - B. How does this game/phone/computer/tablet benefit your family?
 - C. Can your children disengage easily from this device?
 - D. Has this device changed your children's behavior, personality, or mood in any way?
 - E. Has your child lost interest in any other activities or relationships since it was introduced?
 - F. Does your child view usage of this device as a privilege or a right?
 - G. How would your family change if you took away this device altogether?
3. God's goal for parents:
 - Parents, **YOU** have to **PREPARE** your kids to move **OUT** and **TRANSFER** their dependence away from you and onto God.

Deuteronomy 6:1-7 - These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so **that you**, your **children** and **their children** after them may **fear the Lord your God** as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Luke 2:52 - And Jesus grew in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favor** with **God and men**.

Jesus grew in:

1. WISDOM: _____ growth.

Proverbs 18:2 - A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

2. STATURE: _____ growth.

3. FAVOR WITH GOD: _____ growth.

A. _____

Character is the sum total of your choices and habits.

B. _____

They are watching you to see what is important to you.

C. _____

Matthew 6:33 - But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- You need to set your priorities _____ to the activity.

4. FAVOR WITH MAN: _____ growth.

A. _____

DO YOU HELP YOUR KIDS SELECT THE RIGHT FRIENDS?

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Joshua 24:15 - But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Extra credit points:

- 1) Train them to manage God's money. (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- 2) Train them to watch their words. (Proverbs 4:24)
- 3) Train them to be responsible. (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- 4) Train them to guard their minds. (Proverbs 23:7)
- 5) Train them to be generous. (Proverbs 11: 25)
- 6) Train them to fear God. (Proverbs 1:7)