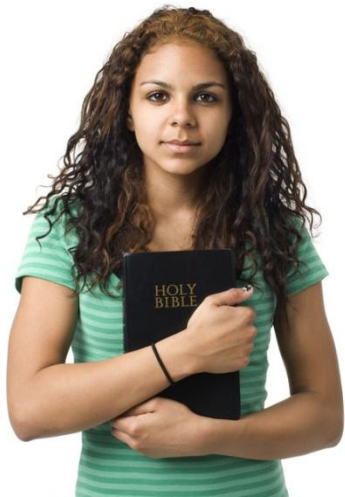


Raising Digital Natives Without Cannibalizing Your Faith

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Facebook Resumes Plan to Disclose User Home Addresses and Mobile Phone Numbers (3/2/11)

The recently announced Facebook service Places makes user location data routinely available to others, including Facebook business partners, regardless of whether users wish to disclose their location. (8/19/10)

Source: Epic.org

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RI task force takes on cyberbullying, sexting (Boston Globe 3/15/11)

UK kids as young as 7 have Facebook accounts, get ‘cyber bullied’ (ANI 3/15/11)

Girl, 14, met Watford man after chatting on internet (Watford Observer 9/20/10)

As Christian parents, our top priority must be to raise our children in our faith

Between 70 and 88 percent of Christian teens are leaving the church by their second year in college. ¹

85% of “born again teens” do not believe in the existence of absolute truth. ²

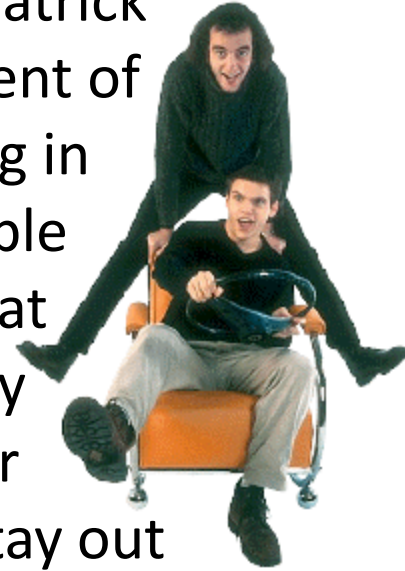
“The vast majority simply could not express themselves on matters of God, faith, religion, or spiritual life.” ³



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Should we ban social networks, or the Internet, or maybe even computers from our homes?

"I got a Facebook account during my freshman year at Patrick Henry College. I didn't get it because it was a requirement of the college, but more out of a sense of necessity in living in the 21st century than anything else. It was nice to be able to post/comment on pictures and stay in touch with what was going on around campus (event notifications). Many of my fellow students used it as a forum to post notes or have discussions/arguments, which to this day I try to stay out of. It was also nice to connect with friends back home."



Luke McNamara, Homeschool Graduate

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"By 2014, social networking services will replace e-mail as the primary vehicle for interpersonal communications for 20 percent of business users." Gartner 2/2/2010

"The world is going social. I want to know why all enterprise software isn't more like Facebook. If it can be this powerful in the consumer world, why can't it be the same for the enterprise world?" Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff 3/3/2011

"A large majority of companies are moving away from job boards and toward social media as their primary recruiting tool." Jobvite Recruiting Survey 2010



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The Fruit of the Spirit is just as valid in the virtual world as it is in the real world!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

English Standard Version (ESV)

Turn away from evil; seek peace

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:8-12

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- B. Raise awareness that the world is fallen

In a fallen world, there are many who seek to do evil to God's people

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." ...

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;

Psalm 10:4,8b-9a

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

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- C. Develop skills of discernment

The importance of discernment

In a 2006 survey of 13-17 year olds:

- 71% reported receiving messages online from someone they don't know.
- 45% have been asked for personal information by someone they don't know.
- 30% have considered meeting someone that they've only talked to online
- 14% have actually met a person face-to-face they they've only spoken to over the Internet (9% of 13-15s; 22% of 16-17s).
- When teens receive messages online from someone they don't know, 40% reported that they'll usually reply and chat with that person.

Source: Teenage Research Unlimited. *Teen Internet Safety Survey*. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Cox Communications, 2006.

Teaching discernment makes a BIG difference

In a 2006 survey of 13-17 year olds:

- 36% of youth—girls and younger teens most notably—said that their parents or guardians have talked to them “a lot” about online safety, and 70% said their parents or guardians have discussed the subject with them during the past year.
- Fewer teens whose families have talked to them “a lot” about online safety have an IM name or pictures of themselves on the Internet, compared to kids whose families have not talked to them at all. More teens who’ve talked to parents or guardians also ignore messages from unfamiliar people, refuse to reply or chat, block unknown senders, and report these occurrences to trusted adults.

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- D. Establish a Biblical worldview

What is a Biblical Worldview?

- “Your worldview is the set of instructions by which you determine the proper place for every thought, action, behavior, opinion, and decision in your life.”
- “A biblical worldview must be both taught and caught – that is, it has to be explained and modeled.” George Barna
- “If we do not give our children a biblical worldview, they will simply follow our rules while they are under our watchful eye, but as soon as they gain independence, they will begin to make decisions based upon their worldview.”

What is a Biblical Worldview?

| | Secular Humanism | Christian Theism |
|-------------------|---|---|
| View of God | Atheism | Theism |
| View of Man | Evolution | Special Creation |
| View of Truth | Relative | Absolute |
| View of Knowledge | Scientific/ Materialism/ Naturalism | Scientific/ General/ Natural Revelation |
| View of Ethics | Cultural | Absolute |

Source: Voddie Baucham Jr., *Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes To Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk With God*, Crossway Books

A Biblical Worldview is critical

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15

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 - A. Establish boundaries based on maturity

The first rule is... obey the rules!

Facebook Users Who Are Under Age Raise Concerns

The New York Times, Mar 11, 2011

“Across the nation, millions of young people are lying about their ages so they can create accounts on popular sites like Facebook and Myspace. These sites require users to be 13 or older... but to children, that rule is a minor obstacle that stands between them and what everybody else is doing. “

“In 2006, 31 percent of 12-year-olds in the United States were using social networks, according to the Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life Project. That figure grew to 38 percent by mid-2009, when the survey was last conducted. “

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Manage Access for Kevin

Basic Information

Display Name:

Parent:

Grade:

Send E-mail Notifications To:

Update

- Friends**
- Messaging
- Profile
- Tools
- Widgets
- News

Kevin's Friend Requests

Do you need to approve friend requests and invitations sent by Kevin? No Yes

Who can accept incoming friend requests for Kevin?

- Kevin
- Donna McGuire
- Russ McGuire



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Trusted Friends

Trusted Friends are those friends of Joe Smith whom you trust enough to allow Joe Smith to share information that you won't allow Joe Smith to share with all of his/her friends.

To control which of Joe Smith's friends are Trusted Friends, you can drag them below between All Friends and Trusted Friends. As soon as you drag a friend from one group to the other, a message will be sent to Hschooler.net to automatically make the change.

| All Friends | Trusted Friends |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Matthew Reese | Abe John Smith Mark |

Allowed Visibility

For some tools, you may want to limit your family member's visibility of objects created with that tool to only certain members of Hschooler.net.

| Tool | Allow Visibility From | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | None | Only Parents | Only Family | Only Trusted Friends | Only Friends | All Members |
| Photo Albums | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Photos | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Update

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| Enabled? | Tool | Cost | Access Limit | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Activity | Free | all friends | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Book reviews | Free | logged in users | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bookmarks | Free | trusted friends | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Classifieds | Free for Access | | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Curriculum reviews | Free | logged in users | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Event reviews | Free | logged in users | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Family | Free | all friends | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Friends | Free | all friends | [Click to Show Description...] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fun Quizzes | Free for 2 | all friends | [Click to Show Description...] |

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Bad company corrupts good...

My son, fear the LORD and the king,
and do not join with those who do otherwise,
for disaster will arise suddenly from them,
and who knows the ruin that will come from
them both?

Proverbs 24: 21-22

English Standard Version (ESV)

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OpenDNS provides content filtering

Web Content Filtering

[Security](#)

[Customization](#)

[Stats and Logs](#)

[Advanced Settings](#)

Users can contact you

Your users can contact you directly from the block page if they have questions. It'll show up as an email in your inbox.

Note about DNS forwarding

If you are forwarding requests to OpenDNS, domain blocking may not work properly if the domain's address is in your forwarder's cache.

Check a domain

Find out whether it would be blocked, and why.

Support Articles

Web Content Filtering

Choose your filtering level

- High** Protects against all adult-related sites, illegal activity, social networking sites, video sharing sites, and general time-wasters. 26 categories in this group - [View](#) - [Customize](#)
- Moderate** Protects against all adult-related sites and illegal activity. 13 categories in this group - [View](#) - [Customize](#)
- Low** Protects against pornography. 4 categories in this group - [View](#) - [Customize](#)
- None** Nothing blocked.
- Custom** Choose the categories you want to block.

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Fraud | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Themes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adware |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Chat |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classifieds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecommerce/Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> File storage |

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 - D. Allow experimentation (and mistakes) within the boundaries

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 - A. **Observe your child's experimentation**

Be there with them!


In a 2005 survey of parents:

- Over half (51%) of parents either do not have or do not know if they have software on their computer(s) that monitors where their teenager(s) go online and with whom they interact.
- 42% of parents do not review the content of what their teenager(s) read and/or type in chat rooms or via Instant Messaging.
- Teenagers who Instant Message use chat lingo to communicate and parents don't know the meanings of some of the most commonly used phrases. 57% don't know LOL (Laughing Out Loud), 68% don't know BRB (Be Right Back), and 92% don't know A/S/L (Age/Sex/Location). 95% of parents couldn't identify common chat room lingo that teenagers use to warn people they're chatting with that their parents are watching. Those phrases are POS (Parent Over Shoulder) and P911 (Parent Alert).



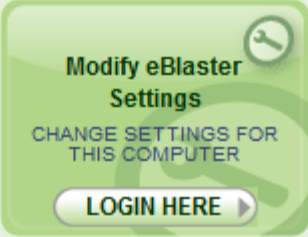






















Source: Ketchum Global Research Network. *Parents' Internet Monitoring Study*. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Cox Communications, 2005.

eBlaster Reports on Computer Usage

User Activity Summary: **Russell McGuire**

 [Change Settings](#)

 [Help](#)

| Report Details | Activity | Status | | Computer Identification |
|--|----------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|  Chat / Instant Messages | 0 |  ON | | <p>IP Address: 192.168.0.22 Public IP Address: 74.222.201.131</p> <p>Computer Name: NETBOOK Username: Russell McGuire</p> <p>Serial Number: 2820HC0080912919</p> <p>Version: 7.0 Build: 3175</p> <div data-bbox="1503 862 1812 1096" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0e0; text-align: center;">  <p>Modify eBlaster Settings</p> <p>CHANGE SETTINGS FOR THIS COMPUTER</p> <p>LOGIN HERE</p> </div> |
|  Online Searches | 0 |  ON | | |
|  <u>Web Sites Visited</u> | 40 |  ON | ← JUMP TO SECTION | |
|  <u>Email Activity</u> | 1 |  ON | ← JUMP TO SECTION | |
|  Files Transferred | 0 |  ON | | |
|  <u>Keystrokes Typed</u> | 11 |  ON | ← JUMP TO SECTION | |
|  <u>Program Activity</u> | 6 |  ON | ← JUMP TO SECTION | |
|  User Activity | 0 |  ON | | |
|  Keywords Detected | 0 |  OFF | | |
|  Document Tracking | 0 |  ON | | |
|  MySpace Activity | |  ON | | |
|  Facebook Activity | |  ON | | |

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 - D. **Capture teachable moments**

Helping our kids understand the choices, and mistakes, they are making

"Our job as parents is to be there, right next to them, to help them learn how to identify the issues and how to make proper choices. We have to be involved enough to help them know how to follow through on their choices and to reinforce the good choices they have embraced. Too many parents stay at arm's length, assuming their kids will know what to do and will approach them if they encounter problems. But a lot of times their kids don't even know what a problem is, or they do not feel comfortable bringing it up with a parent. It is that kind of hands-off parenting that invites problems to occur."

Source: George Barna, *Revolutionary Parenting: Raising Your Kids to Become Spiritual Champions*, Tyndale, 2007

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 - E. **Expand the boundaries as your child matures**

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 - A. Trust God's promises from His Word

Trust in the Lord's Promises

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

For he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5b-6

English Standard Version (ESV)

Trust in the Lord's Promises

...Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.

2 Chronicles 20:15

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

English Standard Version (ESV)

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Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

Job 1:9-10

Trust in the Lord's Promises

Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

Jeremiah 31:16-17

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Romans 12:2

Then Manoah prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.”

Judges 13:8

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 - C. Pray

Pray to God with your concerns

Cast your burden on the Lord,
and he will sustain you;
he will never permit
the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 55:22

Pray to God with your requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Psalms 27:14

English Standard Version (ESV)

Pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed through technology

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 4:2-6

Thank You!

- Russ McGuire: russ.mcguire@gmail.com
- Recommended Resources:
 - *Logged On and Tuned Out* by Vicki Courtney (teens)
 - *Taming the Techno-Beast* by Todd Wilson (younger)
 - *Family Driven Faith* by Voddie T. Baucham Jr.
 - *Revolutionary Parenting* by George Barna
 - Hschooler.net (this presentation will be posted there)