

# 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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# WHAT POTENTIAL DANGERS COME FROM TECH?

- Addiction



# ADDICTION

- 24% adolescents report being constantly connected to internet
- 50% feel addicted to their phones

(“Children and Adolescents and Digital Media”,  
*Technical Report, American Academy of Pediatrics*)



# WHAT POTENTIAL DANGERS COME FROM TECH?

- Addiction
- Difficulty relating in-person
- Escapism
- Pornography



# PORNOGRAPHY


**1 OUT OF 3  
AMERICANS  
SEEK OUT PORN  
AT LEAST ONCE  
A MONTH**



*n=2,001 (1,188 age 25+, 813 age 13-24) | July-August 2015 | barna.org | © Josh McDowell Ministry*



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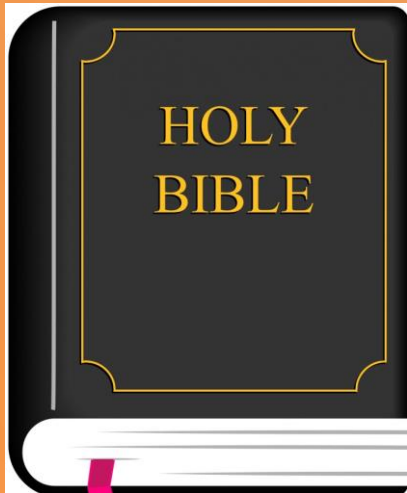
The image features a solid orange background with white, stylized circuit board traces in the corners. These traces consist of straight lines of varying lengths and angles, ending in small white circles, resembling electronic components or connections. The traces are located in the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right corners, framing the central text.

HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH TECHNOLOGY?

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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 'Engage' text and extends horizontally to point towards both 'Avoid' on the left and 'Surrender' on the right. 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.



- Very Good

And

- Cursed

# KEEP TECH IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE

- Keep technology in bounds
- Purpose determines proper use



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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TECHNOLOGY IN OUR  
LIVES?

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## PURPOSE OF TECH

- Designer's purpose?
- God's purpose?

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



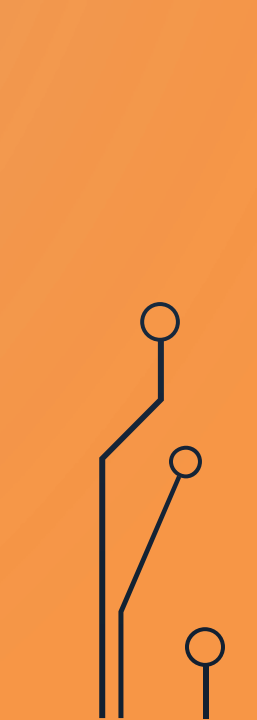
37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39



# PURPOSE OF TECH

Things technology is good at?

- Education
  - Efficiency
  - Connecting with others
  - Entertainment
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## PURPOSE OF TECH

Technology can contribute or detract from us loving God and others.



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HOW DO WE DISCERN THE RIGHT USE OF TECH?

# DISCERN THE RIGHT USE

## OBJECTIVE CRITERIA



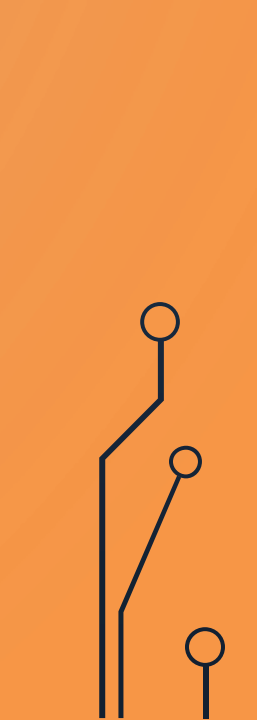
- Content
- Addiction
- Not fulfilling responsibilities
- etc

## SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- What is the motive/heart behind use?



# DISCERN THE RIGHT USE

- Looking to technology to fill our needs
    - Security: Who can I trust?
    - Identity: Who am I?
    - Belonging: Who wants me?
    - Purpose: Why am I alive?
    - Competence: What do I do well?
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# DISCERN THE RIGHT USE

- Discover and engage motives behind use
- Help child/youth to understand his/her own motives
  - Recognize weaknesses

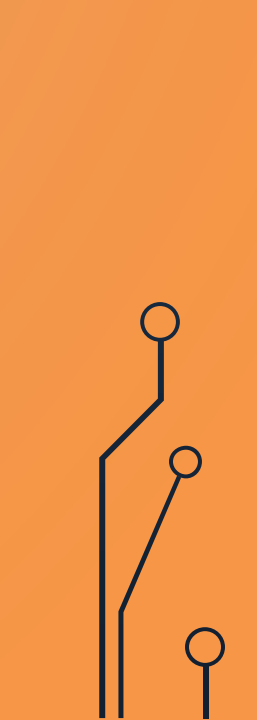

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HOW DO WE SHEPHERD OUR FAMILIES WITH  
TECHNOLOGY?



# THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIP

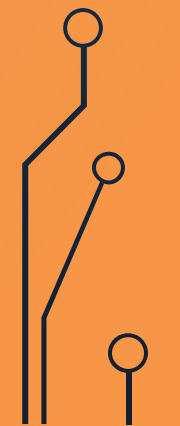
What difference does the foundation of a loving relationship make in guiding our children?





# CLEAR GUIDELINES

- Communicate!
    - Talk & listen
  - Written covenant
    - Follow yourself
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- Tech free space
  - Tech free times
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