



PUREHOPE

Christian Solutions in a Sexualized Culture



DEVELOPING A TECH STRATEGY

PRAY

Pray without ceasing for your kids, for the society they are growing up in, and for your own sexual purity, prudence, and protection as a means of developing intimacy with God and a tradition of prayerfulness in your home (II Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 62:8; John 15:5; Philippians 4:6).

UNDERSTAND

Continually increase your understanding of 1) God's purposes and design for sexuality and sexual activity, 2) the lies of the sexualized culture and how they are distributed, 3) your children's thoughts, feelings, and experiences as they navigate adolescence in the sexualized culture, 4) technology strategies and risks, and 5) the call on your own life to pursue purity (Proverbs 19:8; Luke 24:45; Ephesians 5:17; I Thessalonians 4:3).

RESOLVE

Persevere in a commitment to a personal and family culture of repentance, confession, and community that provides the encouragement and accountability needed to live purely in reliance on God's love and Jesus' finished work on the cross (Psalm 24:4; Isaiah 30:15; Acts 16:31, Ephesians 1:7).

Also, reject self-indulgent sexualized culture and dialogue as a family how your household can oppose it and refrain from consuming its "delicacies" (Psalm 141:4).

ENGAGE

Accountability—install accountability software (e.g., Covenant Eyes) on computers and have frequent dialogue with your children about prudent, safe technology use (highlight news items that demonstrate the consequences of misuse). Use this to guard yourself and family from inappropriate content as well as the technology distractions that prevent loving attention toward your spouse and children (Galatians 5:13).

Boundaries—set boundaries on technology use (time, place, manner) with your children and review and sign the pureHOPE's safe use agreement available at www.purehopeblog.net. Also, set clear, reasoned boundaries for your children about sexual behavior, dress, language, and social activity generally.

Controls—activate parental controls and set at appropriate levels for all mobile phones, computers, firewalls, operating systems, tablets, gaming systems, online movie/television services, browsers, etc. Use the opportunity to cultivate relationship and ongoing dialogue with your children, providing constant opportunity for counsel and encouragement (Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 22:6).

