



WELCOME TO THE PARENT CONNECTION!

ENJOY SOME FOOD AND VISIT WITH OTHERS



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GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

- Names
- Who is in your family?
- What do you enjoy about the fall season?

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WHY DO WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT TECHNOLOGY?

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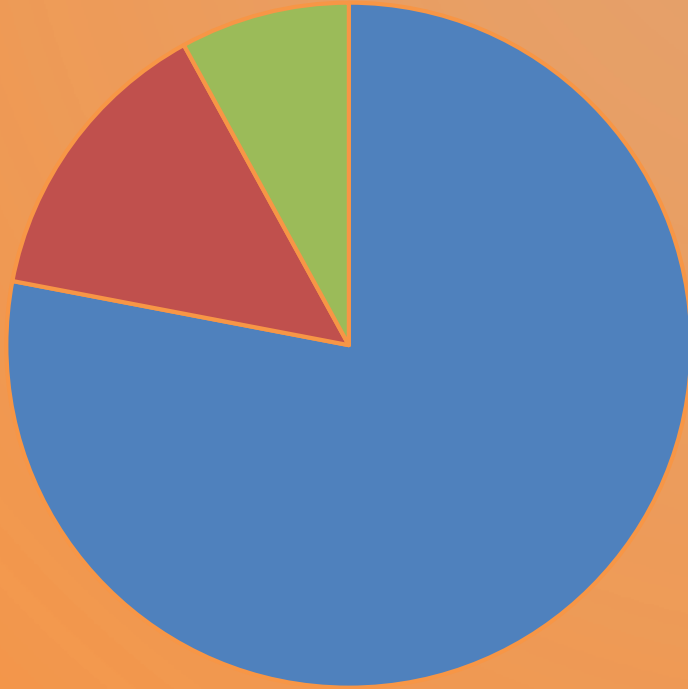
What ways do we use and encounter technology in our
lives?

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WHY TALK ABOUT TECH?

- Pervasive
 - How do we use and encounter tech in our lives?
- Encroaching
- Rapidly changing


RAPIDLY CHANGING



- #1 Reason: Technology/Social Media



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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

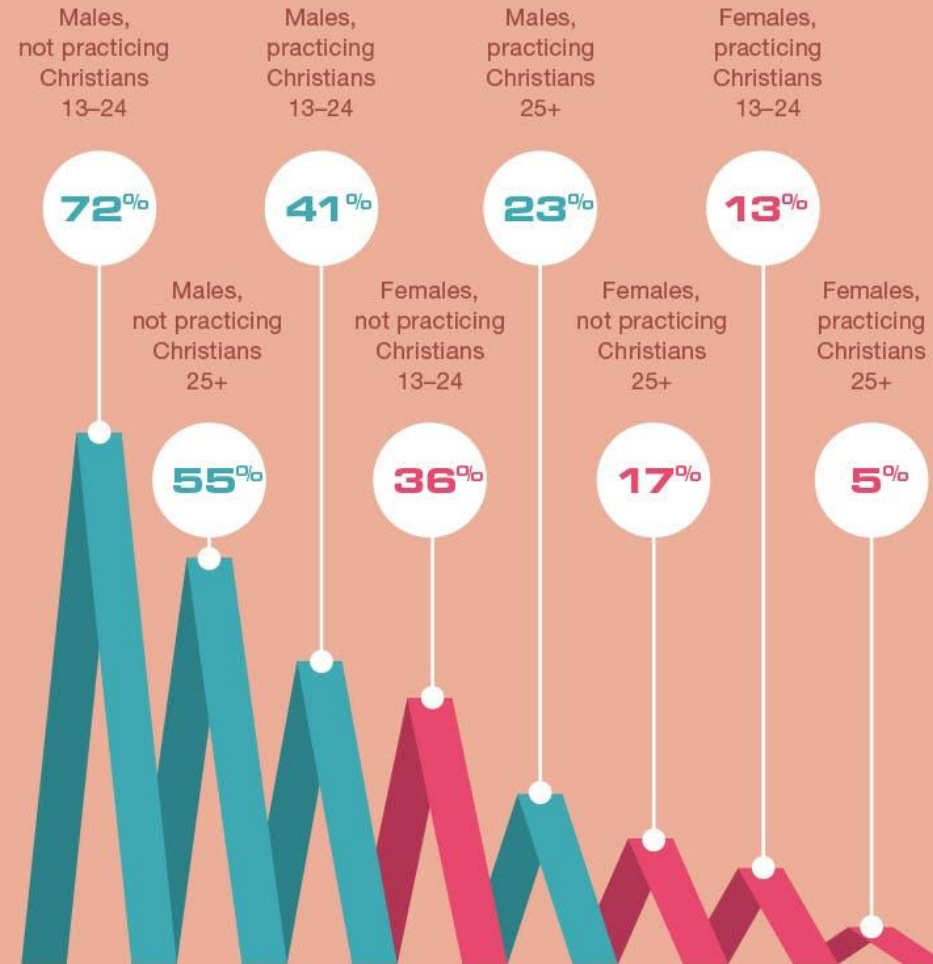
**1 OUT OF 3
AMERICANS
SEEK OUT PORN
AT LEAST ONCE
A MONTH**



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

PORNOGRAPHY

AGE, GENDER AND FAITH PRACTICE ARE THE THREE BIGGEST FACTORS IN FREQUENT PORN USE



It's important for Christian leaders—especially youth and young adult pastors—to notice that the people who are third most likely to use porn are teen/young adult males in the Church. While they are still well below their peers who are not practicing Christians in frequency of porn use, four in 10 of them are actively seeking it out at least once or twice a month.


PORNOGRAPHY

- “Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the United States has so much indecent (and obscene) material been so easily accessible by so many minors in so many American homes with so few restrictions.”

-- U.S. Department of Justice. Post Hearing Memorandum of Points and Authorities, at 1, *ACLU v. Reno*, 929 F. Supp. 824, 1996.



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HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH TECHNOLOGY?

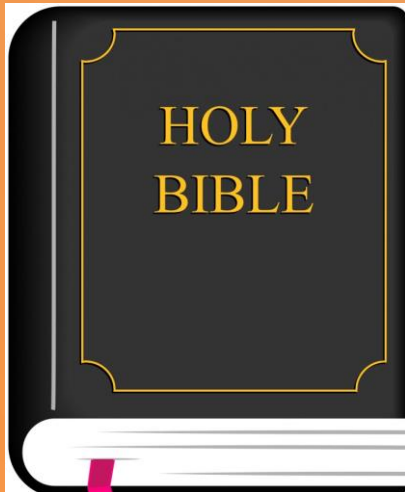
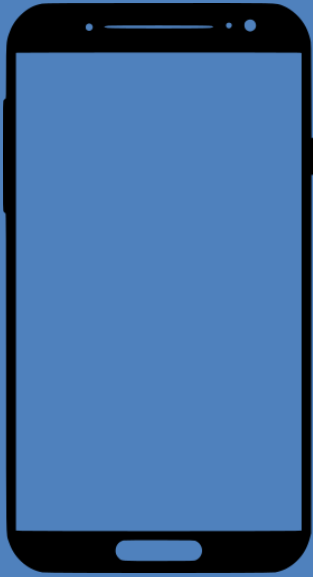
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Avoid ← Engage → Surrender

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 center of 'Engage' and extends horizontally to the left and right, pointing towards the words 'Avoid' and 'Surrender' respectively. The words 'Avoid' and 'Surrender' are in a white, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a solid orange background.

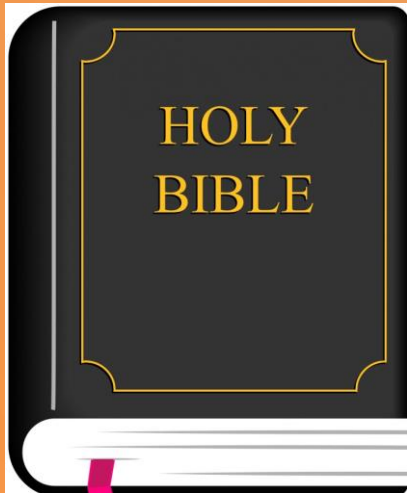
Genesis 1:26

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."



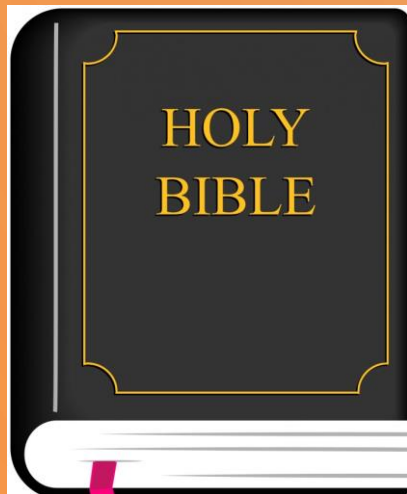
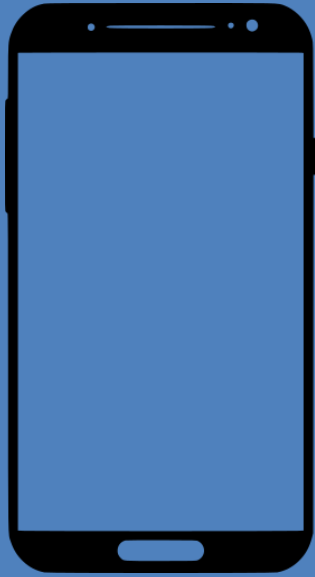


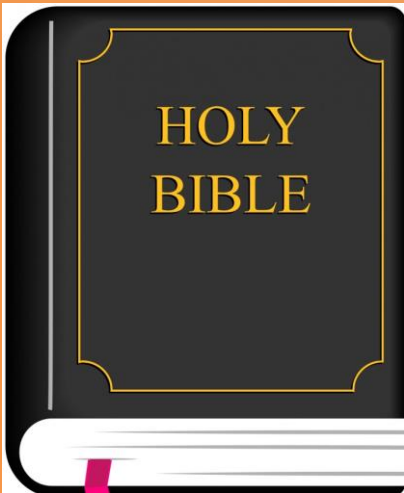
- Very Good



Genesis 3:17

17 And to Adam he said,
"Because you have listened to
the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of
you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the
days of your life;





- Very Good

And

- Cursed

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What Benefits does technology bring to our lives? (i.e. what are good uses of technology)

KEEP TECH IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE

How do we know when
technology has crossed
the boundary in our
lives?

What are examples?



KEEP TECH IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE

Purpose determines
proper use.

What is the purpose of
tech in our lives?



KEEP TECH IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE

- Nudges
- Big decisions




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How do we shape a healthy use of technology
in our family?



TECHNOLOGY IN OUR FAMILY

- Lead by example (and humility)
 - Be involved in their world—share technology with them; take an interest what interests them
 - Listen to our kids. Give them input when appropriate
 - Be the parent
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