

Don't Give Your Child a Scorpion: Fighting Porn

Key Points: *When we provide devices that give Internet access to our children - laptops, phones, TVs - we can unintentionally be providing something dangerous. Christians and Secular Culture do have a certain amount of common ground, but we disagree on other points. Pornography – Sexually Explicit material intended to be viewed lustfully is a dangerous and pervasive temptation to rebel against God. We're teaching and guarding our children so that as adults they can make choices in wisdom which please God and make their best life. But Porn is especially dangerous to young people, so we implement practical and technical measures to provide safeguard and limit our children's access to dangerous content.*

Question	Key Ideas
What have you observed to be the most helpful ways to teach yourself and others about the dangers of pornography?	
What methods for protecting kids against porn have you found to be the most helpful? Least helpful?	

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Pray	Refuse	Explain	fENCes	Evaluate
Seek God for Wisdom when Teaching & implementing Practical Safeguards. Pray for God to humble themselves to God (1 Peter 5:6)	Refuse to accept the “default settings” that make a pornified culture normal for your family. Look for places in entertainment & advertising where sex is being sold.	Explain the truth of God’s design for man, women, marriage, and sexuality. Educate your children so that they don’t turn to the smartphone to learn. Keep teaching regularly!	Build practical “fences” – safeguards against porn - filters, limited device access. But no fence is perfect! Provide filtering at the network & each device.	Test the filtering on a regular basis using test sites: bit.ly/filtertest1 ...2 ...3 ...4 All of these should fail to load any content; none show explicit material.

Talking To Your Kids About Marriage, Sex, Porn

Focus on the Family Interview: Equipping Your Kids To Resist Porn: bit.ly/fofeqkrp

Age of Opportunity, Paul Tripp: <https://www.paultripp.com/age-of-opportunity>

Desiring God: Raising Children in a Pornographic Culture bit.ly/dgrcipc

Quality Filtering Tools

- Covenant Eyes: For Mac and PC: Filters and provides accountability screenshots
- SafeBrowsing.org: Limits Internet sites; works for free within Chrome Browser (Preferences > Privacy & Security > Secure DNS > With SafeBrowsing)
- Network filtering: Eero Secure+, Circle Parental Controls
- Apple iPhone/Mac/iPad Parental Controls
- Test filtering on every computer, phone, tablet, TV
- Get more at <https://northwake.com/techwise>



Key Scriptures For Prayer

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God . . . For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.