

Adult Bible Study Summer Series

The Internet

(The Big I)

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Agenda

- Background and Definition
- Participation – To Surf or Not to Surf?
- Dangers – How bad is it?
- Action – What can be done?
- Common Objections
- Resources
- Questions



The Internet - Evolution

- Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) formed – 1958
 - Response to USSR launch of Sputnik
- ARPA Network (ARPANET) established - 1969
- World Wide Web project started – 1991
- March 2008 *
 - 1.4 B Internet Users Globally – 21% of the population
 - 247.6 M Internet Users in N. America – 73.4% of the population

* www.internetworldstats.com



The Internet - Definition





The Internet - Participation

- Working
- Shopping
- Learning
- Ministering
- Entertainment

We are in the world, but not of the world. John 17:15-16

15 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.



The Internet - Dangers

- Personal Corruption
 - Pornography
 - Gambling
 - Violence
- Time Waster
 - Gaming
 - Random Communication
 - “Surfing”
- Crime
 - Theft
 - Identity Theft
 - Predatory
- False Sense of Security
 - Personal information
 - Strange relationships
 - False content

Not Gender Isolated!!!

Can flatten out the intimacy curve – Less for family, and more for strangers



A Call To Action

Godly Stewardship of the Family demands that we as parents are educated so that we can:

- Protect our family against the Dangers
- Leverage the benefits
- Teach our Family how to be “in the world, but not of the world”

Abstinence is not an effective strategy for dealing with the Internet.



What To Do

- Have an “Acceptable Use Policy” for your family
- Put computers in a public part of the home
- Use a Firewall
- Secure your wireless network
- Use Content Filtering
 - Hardware not Software if possible
 - Review the logs!!!
- Use Anti-Virus software
- Do your patching - Windows

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What To Do

- Know how to tell if a site is secure
- Don't click it if you don't know the source!
- Don't provide personal information unless you have to **AND** you know who you are giving it to!
- No data access on your teens cell phones!
- Know the options from your cell phone provider
- Carefully consider why your teen **needs** a laptop (or any other device that has WiFi)
- Review the features of any electronic device



Other things to think about

- Mobile phone usage
 - Calls
 - Texting
 - Pictures
 - Review the logs!!!
- Gaming Consoles – Games, Web, WiFi
- MP3 players – What's on their iPod?
- TV – Use Parental Controls



Common Objections

- I'm not vulnerable.
- I trust my child.
- I don't want to invade my child's privacy.
- I don't want to isolate my child.
- I don't know how.

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Social Networking

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Social Networking - Definition

A **social network service** focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others.*

- MySpace – Not recommended
- Facebook
- Loopt – You're kidding right?
- Linked in – Career focused
- YouTube – A lot of trash
- Flickr
- Second Life – BE WARY!!!

* www.wikipedia.com



Social Networking – Facebook

- Most utilized Social Networking Service
- 90 million members
- Grew from 24m to 90m in the last 12 months
- Growing at pace of 1m per week
- 124 million visitors in May
- Microsoft partnered to advertise
- Beware of the Apps (applications)!



Social Networking - Uses

- Personal
- Political
- Corporate
- Ministry (outreach)?
- Parental
- Civil
- Criminal



Social Networking - Maturity

- In it's infancy – no clarity on what it will become
- Lacking developed etiquette
- Lacking multi-level relationship stratification
- Lacking justice system integration



Social Networking - Dangers

- Wild Wild West for personal expression
 - How you feel
 - What you think
 - What you're doing
 - "It's all good"
- Normalized baseness
- Predatory
- Time waster
- Unbalanced Intimacy Curve
- Erosion of need for privacy

Social Networking – Parental Guidelines

- Have an account – use it!
- Must be your child's friend – A window into their soul
- Must have access to your child's profile – USE IT!!!
- Review and Govern who they are friends with
- Educate them about the need for privacy



Resources

<http://residential.iphantom.com/>

http://www.netnanny.com/learn_center

<http://www.connectsafely.org/>

<http://tcs.cybertipline.com/>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/>

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