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The crowd will see an emoji on the screen and act it out to you.

The first person to show me what emoji they are acting out gets a point.

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How do I interact with technology and teach my children to interact with technology in a God honoring and Biblical way?

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, ‘look! This is something new’? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.”

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:29

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:13

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age

Titus 2:11-12

“But the Christian way of self-control is *not* “Just say no!” The problem is with the word “just.” You don’t just say no. You say no in a certain way: You say no by faith in the superior power and pleasure of Christ.” – John Piper

True self-control is when you are able to say, “no” because you have a faith that finds more power and pleasure in Christ than you do in whatever “it” is in front of you.

What, “power” or, “pleasure” are you finding in your excess of screens or usage of technology?

How could that power or pleasure be more securely rooted in Christ?

- Younger years (0 – 8) – *Model* and *control*.
- Middle years (9 – 12) – *Model* and *teach.*
- Adolescent years (13 – 18) *Model* and *correct.*

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A healthy relationship with technology is a by-product.

Questions?

Resources:

- *Right Clock: Parenting Your Teenager In A Digital Media World* by Art Bamford
- *The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place* by Andy Crouch
- *Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction Is Hijacking Our Kids – And How To Break The Trance* by Nicholas Kardaras