

Teaching kids how to handle media correctly

Think about the media that your kids relate with on a regular basis...internet, music, Facebook, TV, movies, cell phones, magazines, etc. Many of these include questionable material for children. I think our responsibility as parents isn't to simply shield all questionable stuff from our kids while they live at home and then send them off and hope they can manage it as young adults. I believe our role as parents is to monitor the material our kids interact with and then teach them how to respond properly inside a biblical worldview.

Should a parent purposely expose their kids to questionable material? No, that is not what I am saying. As parents, it's our duty to shield our kids from media we think they are too young to see. However, we need to proactively educate our kids on how to interact with questionable media when we deem they are old enough. We only have so many years to train our kids to live a successful life when we are no longer around them. Our kids will be on their own one day and with media bombarding them so much we need to help prepare them to deal with this while they are under our roof, our care and our love.

"Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16