USING SOCIAL MEDIA WISELY

RECOGNIZING PITFALLS AND THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THEM

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Who am I to tell you what to do?

No, for real, what authority do I have?
“ISN’T IT FUNNY HOW SOCIAL MEDIA MAKES YOU LESS SOCIAL?”

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10 Reasons Why Your Child Might Find Himself in a Dangerous Place with Social Media

Literally compiled from an interview with three current high school students who are active on the Internet.
10. Peer Pressure
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**SOLUTION:** GOOD COMMUNICATION AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT TO BE OPEN AND HONEST AT HOME.

WITHOUT A WWWIII BLOWOUT WHEN HONESTY IS EXPRESSED
9. Curiosity
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ASK YOUR CHILD TO TEACH YOU HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA

ASK QUESTIONS WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING FISHY
8. attention

"I just want you to notice me!"
9. ATTENTION

AFFIRMATION!

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Find something they do well, and tell them you notice.
7. “We are in love with love.”

-Catherine, HS Senior
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Love: To will the good of the other.

Help them to fight against society’s def. of love.
6. Low self-esteem
6. LOW SELF-ESTEEM

SEXTING OFTEN OCCURS BECAUSE OF LOW SELF-IMAGE ISSUES

REMIND THEM DAILY HOW GOOD THEY ARE!
5. Ignorance

IGNORANCE

IGNORANCE EVERYWHERE

P.S. This is a meme
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Ask questions to help them come to healthy conclusions.

Don’t tell them…show them.
4. THEY DON'T VALUE TRUE SEXUALITY
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TEACH THEM THE TRUTH.

DOMESTIC CHURCH...AND OTHER MENTORS HELPS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!!
3. They are mad at you

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Experiment: text your parents "got 2 grams for $40" then right after "Sorry ignore that txt. Not for you" Then tweet pic of their response.

FOUND THIS EXAMPLE ONLINE. ... THIS IS THE SORT OF THING THEY MIGHT DO JUST TO GET A REACTION.
3. They are mad at you.

Model healthy ways to deal with anger & frustration

They are watching you...and the way you respond to situations that you do not like
2. Power
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Give them control over healthy things at home
1. (CHOOSE YOUR OWN..)

MY LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE... AND YOU AS THE PARENTS COULD PROBABLY COME UP WITH A TON MORE IDEAS OF WHAT MOTIVATES YOUR CHILD OR YOUR CHILD’S FRIEND TO ABUSE SOCIAL MEDIA...
Some random advice
This is from the high schoolers who were interviewed for this presentation

1. Be FB friends with your child

2. Have passwords and log-in info for all social media sites your child uses
3. You are the parent, and this means you get the final say.

4. Never cease praying!!!

5. Safe search on Google helps to avoid bad things popping up

6. Most social media sites have “privacy settings” where “friends” or “followers” have to be accepted before they can view your stuff
7. "TUMBLR SAVIOR" HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

8. SNAPCHAT CAUTION

9. USE CAUTION WITH PINTEREST, BUT STUDENTS ARE SAYING IT’S RELATIVELY SAFE

10. KNOW HOW TO REPORT
GOOD LUCK!

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

(Pope John Paul II)