

Keeping Kids Safe in an Internet Age on CD and DVD.

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FullTilt Media Challenge book and FREE e-newsletter.

The *FullTilt Media Challenge* is a 30-day devotional that will provide 30 illustrations, 30 Scriptures, and 30 examples of how today's entertainment influences our culture and help you communicate values to your child. Also, our bi-monthly e-newsletter (*Media Update*) provides information to help you make wise entertainment choices.

Reconnect: When Your Kids are Connected to Everything But You. 30 short easy to read "nuggets" to help you connect and communicate values to your children. Our goal is to help parents teach their children HOW to think, not merely WHAT to think.

Put SafeEyes on your computer.

Safe Eyes gives parents control of what is acceptable on their computer as well as allowing them to set time limits for the Internet. It gives a history of sites visited and other helpful information. This link is located on www.AIMenconi.com homepage.

www.PluggedInOnline.com

Has the best information about today's entertainment.

**You are already responding,
even if you do nothing!**

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The Real Issue

Today's Entertainment is based on the philosophy:

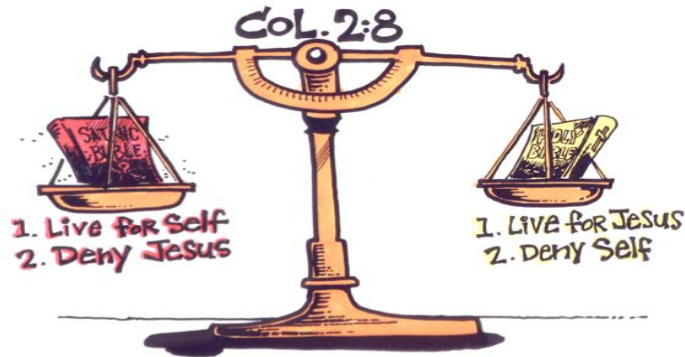
"We're bored with the concept of right and wrong"

The Teeter Totter Principle

"Don't let others spoil your FAITH and JOY with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of on what Christ has said"

Colossians 2:8 Living

THE TEETER TOTTER PRINCIPLE



How it works

Colossian 2:8 as the fulcrum and the entertainment based on the philosophy from the Satanic Bible is on one side (**Live For Self Deny Jesus**). On the other side is music based on the Holy Bible (**Live For Jesus Deny Self**).

Put the philosophy of the entertainment in question on the *Teeter Totter* and see if it teeters or totters. How much is too much?

"Test everything. Hold on to the good!"

1 Thessalonians 5:21

We are in a Spiritual War

The entertainment industry is supplying the majority of ammunition aimed at our families. The bottom line is The Spiritual War comes into our homes as the Cultural War – with all its empty philosophies aimed at our families.

Unconditional love and an open relationship cover a lot of parenting mistakes.

Remember, our goal isn't to tell our children what to think. Our goal is to develop the relationship with our children so they will want to listen when we are teaching them how to think.

How is your relationship with your children?

11. Communicating Biblical Values

The Testimony Song:

1. Take the 30 day *Living FullTilt Challenge*. Sign up at www.AIMenconi.com.
2. Listen to a lot of contemporary Christian music that helps you focus on life from a biblical perspective.
3. Find a song that expresses why you love Jesus.
4. Ask your child to give you 5 minutes of his time for you to share why you love Jesus. He is more likely to give you the time if you have taken the time to develop the **relationship**.
5. Explain that you have a song that will explain your love for Jesus. Take about one minute to explain why you have chosen the song.
6. Play the song while he is following the printed lyrics.
7. After the song is over, ask him if he understands why you love Jesus.
8. Use his comments to discuss other issues.
9. Encourage your child to find a song that expresses his love for Jesus.
10. Take the time to listen to the song with him. Let your child explain it to you.

Resources To Help

www.AIMenconi.com

We have hundreds of articles to help you understand and communicate with your children.

But It Doesn't Affect Me!

This easy to read book for teens and parents can be read in less than one hour. Questions are included to help you develop meaningful conversations with your child that will challenge him to think, not merely tell him what to think.

Boys 11 to 17, most new users
50% of Christian men are addicted to porn.
Become aware how porn is attacking your family
Teach sexual purity
Set the example
Pray out loud AGAINST Satan

9. Getting Them to Think!

- Set Few, Fair, Firm and Flexible entertainment guidelines with the family. The parents have final say.
- All the family members should understand the entertainment limits. After you explain the *Teeter Totter Principle* to your family and discuss the reasons for the limits, your job gets easier.
- At this point it is up to the child to prove the entertainment fits within your limits. It's not up to you to keep the "bad stuff" out. It is up to your children to prove that the entertainment in question is worth bringing into the home.

10. What can a parent do?

A. Double the time you Pray for your children

Patience and wisdom come from trials and tribulations (Romans 5:3+4 and James 1:3+4). Your children are an answer to your prayers.

B. Have you Thanked God for your children?

Are they a problem to be fixed or a gift from God?

C. Do you Love your Children?

How do they know?

D. Do you Enjoy your Children?

Is everything a learning experience?

E. Do you Know your Children?

How about their entertainment?

F. Do you Care for your Children?

How would you feel if your spouse didn't know what you did all day – and didn't care to know? A child's entertainment tells you who he is. And if you don't show interest in his entertainment you are telling him you don't care for him!!

The 3 Most Important Things in Real Estate

Location, location, location!!!

The 3 Most Important Things in Real Parenting

Relationship, Relationship, Relationship!!!

1. Music

Concerns

- Most popular secular music is VERY sexual and violent.
- Listening with iPod keeps parents in the dark about content.
- Listening with iPod "reaches deeper inside" (soul) than external speakers.

FYI "Parental Advisory, Explicit Lyrics" on an album means CRUDE!

Response

- Be aware of your children's music choices.
- Discuss guidelines with family.
- Have an occasional spot check of *iPod* content to see if it fits within family guidelines.
- If you choose to delete songs from iPod, be aware a copy is usually stored on the computer as well.

2. Song Lyrics

There is no excuse to say, "I can't hear the words!" That's what your parents said, but they didn't have www.AZLyrics.com. There are many pop ups and ads but you should use this site to help you hear the words. This is not a Christian site, nor do they censor lyrics. So proceed with caution.

Music Downloading

19% pay for downloaded music

22% listen legally @ MySpace, etc

32% Share music without paying

The Average RIAA fine is \$3,500

- **If you don't pay for it, it is illegal.**
- It is against the law to copy music, videos, or any other copyrighted media you don't own.
- **Exception:** you may make one copy for personal use only – you may not give your copy away or sell it. Period.

3. Video Games

Video gaming is a multi-billion dollar business and is growing daily. It is no longer *Pong* and *Pacman*. Every family should be aware of the following basics.

Game Ratings



Early Childhood (Ages 3 and over)

Contains no material parents would find offensive. Similar to a G rated movie.



Everyone (6 and over)

May contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and language. Similar to a mild PG to average PG rated movie.



Everyone (10 and older)

May contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes. Similar to a mild PG-13 movie.



Teen and older

May contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling and/or infrequent use of strong language. Similar to a strong PG-13 movie.



Mature (17 and older)

May contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language. Similar to a R rated movie.



Adults only (18 and older)

May include prolonged scenes of intense violence and/or graphic sexual content and nudity. Similar to an NC-17 or XXX movie.

- Make certain you are not involved with pornography.
- Discuss reasonable guidelines with your child; write out and sign an agreement.

General

- 20% teens sent risqué photos of themselves by email or cell.
- 40% say their parents don't know what they do online.
- Tell children you will be checking history and cookies.
- You should know all passwords and have the right to view all social network sites of "friends."
- Computers with Internet connection should be located in central areas of the home that has an open and easy access to parents.
- Internet connection should never be in a child's bedroom.
- Believe the best in your child, but don't believe everything.

8. Unrated Videos and Crude Movies

Many R-rated action movies and comedies are made for young teens who are not old enough to attend. Since gross-out movies as *Something About Mary*, *American Pie 1, 2 and 3*, *Wedding Crashers*, *Knocked Up* and others the definition of humor now refers to crude and sexual humor. Humor that isn't crude is considered "childish."

Cautions

Many of these crude comedies are released as unrated which have no restrictions. Since they are unrated, most unrated DVDs are more sexually graphic and/or more violent than the theater versions. Use extreme caution.

Response

- Be aware of movie rating, but don't over react if your children want to rent or attend these movies – All their friends have seen them and the pressure is enormous.
- Make certain that you are with your children when videos are rented.
- Use this as a good opportunity to discuss your concerns about this type of humor, language and treatment of women as sex objects.
- Make a "family movie night" to watch and discuss classic movies.
- See www.AIMenconi.com for suggestions of family movies.
- *Family Values Cinema* for family movies.

Porn

By 2011, the average 11 year old will be exposed to porn. Girls 15 to 24, biggest increase of use

- Sexting
- By 2011 will be #1 provider of porn

Response

- Discuss cell phone responsibilities and guidelines.
- Only give cell number to people you know and trust.
- Warn child sexting is a felony - "child porn."

Parents are held responsible for abuse

- Only reply to text messages from people you know.
- The National Do Not Call Registry 1-888-382-1222 stops most telemarketing calls.
- Keep the charger in your bedroom.
- If all else fails, replace child's phone with a "throw away" phone.

7. Internet Safety

Concerns

- **Spam** – Uninvited email
- **Viruses and spybots** – Can get into your operating system and slow it, disrupt and steal your information.
- **Identity theft** – Fraudulent email can steal credit information and generally make your life miserable.
- **Porn** – What used to be a shame is now a click away.
- **Predators** – Perverts used to hang out near schools, now they hang out in chatrooms, online games, and social networks to find children.

Response

- Never open a file you didn't request or downloads from people you don't know.
- Float curser over links to see where they originated.
- Install and run virus protection and spybot remover daily.
- Get to know your child's entertainment choices.
- Assume preteens are familiar with porn and teens are involved regularly.
- Make certain you create a home environment where it is safe to talk about sex!
- **www.XXXChurch.com** for porn addiction.
- Craig's List offers porn as services: "erotic." Be aware.

New sites become popular daily. Be aware!

- **12%** of all websites are porn sites.
- **90%** of all children 8-16 have been exposed to porn .
- **29.7** million Americans spend 1 hour or more on porn every week.

Gaming Terms

MMORPG – Massive multiplayer online role-playing game

RPG – Role-playing game

FPS – First Person Shooter

Virtual World – Fantasy world where many gamers live

Gaming Facts

99% of boys and **94%** of girls play video games

90% of teens say **parents never check** content of their games

40% of those who play M-rated games are **under 17**

80% of gamers 8 to 18 **have no gaming guidelines**

Gaming Concerns

- According to the FCC, one of the top reasons for college drop-outs is gaming addiction.
- Players could become addicted – withdrawal is similar to drug withdrawal.
Two hours a day or 15 hours weekly is borderline addiction.
- Players learn to escape reality in their virtual world. Reality becomes a bore.
- Possible sexual, violent, profane content, could interact with predators.

How Does Media Exposure Affect Them?

31 studies found a 65% correlation with **poor academics**

10 studies found a 80% correlation with **alcohol abuse**

14 studies found a 93% correlation with **sexual behavior**

8 studies found a 75% correlation with **drug abuse**

Violent Games

In his book *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill*, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman suggests that video games provide "an easily accessible 'practice range' where children can perfect their aim and sharpen their 'killing instinct'." **The US Army uses FPS games to teach their recruits to learn how to kill another human.**

Suggestions:

- Decide, as a family, what types of games are acceptable and how much time can be spent on games. Calmly and clearly explain your concerns to all family members.
- Use this time for open discussion; not a demanding dictatorship.
- READ the game rating on the game box to see if it fits your family guideline.
- Read the review of the game on **www.AIMenconi.com**.
- Search *Google* for the game site and/or blogs for a secular perspective.

4. Social network sites (*MySpace / Facebook*, etc)/Chat-rooms

MySpace, Facebook and similar, are social networking sites – sort of a cyber combination of a yearbook, personal diary, social club and personal website.

- *MySpace* usually appeals to younger crowd and to music enthusiasts.
- *Facebook* usually appeals to the college age and adult. These sites are great for communicating with friends, sharing personal thoughts and meeting old friends.

Concerns

- The whole world is watching and reading. Be careful what you say. Future colleges and employers check for potential employees.
- Pressure to “keep up”
- Can cause insecurity.
- Can become very addicting and time consuming.
- Cyber-bullying has become prevalent with teens & preteens.

Response

- Discuss concerns with children. DO NOT approve “friend” you don’t know personally. Don’t give personal access to anyone. EVER.
- Sign up for your own *facebook* and *MySpace* account. This will help you understand the pressures your children experience online and help you decide how and where to set guidelines. It could be fun. You will meet old friends.
- Become familiar with and use popular sites such as, **You-Tube, Craig’s List, eBay, etc.** This will help you understand the temptations your children experience and help you set guidelines as well as bring you into 21st century.
- Chatrooms attract predators and the lonely. Be aware. You may not be speaking to who they claim to be.
- *Second Life, IMVU* and other sites allow you to visibly “live” an alternative life online. Sexual temptations and emotional attachments are common.

Response

- Never give out your real name or any personal information you don’t want public.
- Never post a picture that can be used by a predator; no address, phone, etc
- Report unwanted activity to service provider.
- Computer should be in open area— **never in a bedroom**

5. Television/Movies

Designed to fragment families.

The majority of America gets their news from TV.

It gives a non-Christian view of reality.

Kids will have seen/heard 14,000 sexual references yearly.

12 to 14 year olds who watched a lot of sexual content are twice as likely to have intercourse by age 16.

Common – If it is common on TV and other forms of entertainment.

Acceptable – Society considers it acceptable behavior.

Normal – If it is acceptable in society, it must be normal.

Examples of “Normal” behavior:

- Premarital sex, Homosexual marriage, Violence, etc
- When we laugh, applaud or enjoy sinful behavior, we are learning to accept it.

Controlling “screen time” in your home:

- Get the TV and Internet out of bedrooms. Put Internet in central location.
- Read *Controlling TV* article at www.AIMenconi.com.
- Poker Chip Diplomacy – Assign 30 minutes per chip. Child can exchange a chip for each ½ hour until weekly limit is used. No “rollover” minutes.
- Earn extra minutes by doing chores, earning good grades, church participation, etc.

Screen Time

Kids who absorb a lot of screen time are less likely to do well in school, less well adjusted socially, and more likely to be overweight than low users of media.

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6. Cell Phones

Concerns

- Expensive and time-consuming
- Internet exposure including viruses
- Cheating in school