Generation to GENERATION

Uncommon Parenting Conference











Technology's Place in Today's Family

"A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE"

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Defining the Family

A divine institution established and designed by God for the purpose of forming people to represent God's wisdom, character, & creativity in the world.



The Place of Technology vs. The Place of the Family

- Information vs. Wisdom
- Caricature vs. Character
- Productivity vs. Creativity



3 Important Statistics About How Much Data Is Created Every Day



1 How much data is generated every minute?

Source: Domo

9 41,666,667

1,388,889

404,444

messages shared by WhatsApp users

video / voice calls made by people worldwide hours of video streamed by Netflix users

347,222

150,000

147,000

stories posted by Instagram users

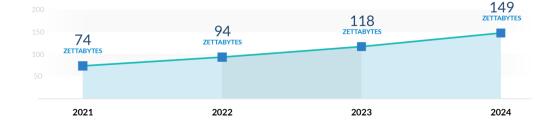
messages shared by Facebook users

photos shared by Facebook users

2 Estimated Data Consumption from 2021 to 2024

Source: IDC / Statista





3 Data Growth in 2021

Sources: TechJury, Internet Live Stats, Cisco, PurpleSec

Q 2 TRILLION

1.134 TRILLION MB

3,026,626

searches on Google by the end of 2021

volume of data created every day emails sent every second, 67% of which are spam

⊘ 278,108 PETABYTES

230,000
\$\textstyle \text{82}\$

global IP data per month by the end of 2021

new malware versions created every day

share of video in total global internet traffic at the end of 2021

Information

VS.

Wisdom



Information vs. Wisdom

- The Family must . . .
 - Keep tabs on the information our kids are consuming.
 - Help children interpret information.
 - Be a safe place for good questions:
 - What do you mean by that?
 - How do you know that's true?
 - What if you're wrong?





Caricature

VS.

Character



Social Media is ...

- The "easy everywhere" of reputation building
- The 24/7 popularity contest
- The "medicine pump" for our soul aches



Caricature vs. Character

- The Family must . . .
 - Diligently strive to create an environment of secure love.
 - Model/require Sabbath rest from our devices.
 - Carefully consider introducing social media.
 - Use technology together and for a purpose rather than alone and aimlessly.
 - Total access for total transparency.





Productivity

VS.

Creativity



Productivity vs. Creativity

- The Family must . . .
 - Model healthy boundary setting.
 - Create environments that reward/promote creativity.
 - Strive for rest, not leisure.
 - Awe at the created over the produced.



2 Corinthians 5:17-20

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (ESV)



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