“Praying For Discernment With Our Children”

Hebrews 5:14
"So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil” (1 Kings 4:34; 3:9-10).

* “Responsibility is great; I have limitations!”

Hebrews 5:14 – Maturity includes:
* training = repetition, practice at “right”
* skills to recognize right and wrong
Heightened Sense of Blessing Versus Consequences of Sin

“God has a plan – I want to pursue it – results in salvation, fulfillment, and abundant life.”

vs.

Satan has schemes – result in turmoil, death, strife in life

Key: “recognize right and wrong” (Heb. 5:14).

VBS week – “boot camp” for training!
Praying For Discernment VBS Week

Pray for **no hindrances** for children attending
Pray for staff to be **refreshed and focused**
Pray for the messages to **capture hearts!**
Results in the Pathway to Salvation

*God gives life – you are no ACCIDENT!
*God gives eternal life (1 Jn 5:11-12, John 14:6)
*They will discern / respond to His “draw”
  (John 6:44).

Q: When is the right time?
A: Responding to the Gospel, not an “event”
  * personal issue, not peer issue
In the end, FAITH is required! (Hebrews 11:6)
Discernment in Choosing Friends

1 Cor. 15:33 – “Bad company corrupts good morals.”
The value of Christian peer group / youth group

Idaho football team of 13-yr-olds free woman trapped in accident, by lifting the SUV off her!
Takeaway: teamwork!
Because The Evil One is Working A Plan

NINE APPS
PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

BUMBLE
BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT
SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps of 2018. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, recent features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK
KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME
LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA
HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER
WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user’s location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM
ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR%
CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT
HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.
Discernment: Behavior Has Consequences

Communicating clear expectations – we live in a moral, spiritual world; choices are necessary!

Negative consequences for disobeying Positive outcomes for obedience

The “measure” is God’s Word!

Millennial job interview = behavior has consequences!
The Key to Growing in Discernment

The Word! (Romans 10:17).

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet” (Ps. 119:105)

Receive the Word implanted...” (James 1:21)