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4. <u>Take</u> <u>away</u> their device.

2. **Monitor** their use.

3. Talk, talk, talk.

WEEK 4 parenting social media savvy kids

Message Notes Danny Anderson
The world of social media for teenagers is like a <u>minefield</u> .  Look <b>carefully</b> then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are <b>evil</b> . <i>Ephesians</i> 5:15-16
Social Media Dangers
The danger of <u>predators</u> THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA, by Cody Persin
The danger of becoming a great <u>deceiver</u>
The danger of wasting <u>time</u> "The average teenager spends <b>9 hours</b> a day on a screen."  Common Sense Media
The danger of <u>bullying</u>
The danger of <u>pornography</u>
It's your responsibility to protect your child's heart.  Above all else, <b>guard</b> your heart, for everything you do flows from it.  Proverbs 4:23
What can parents do?
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# WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Mark 12:35-13:13	MONDAY Mark 13:14-37	TUESDAY Mark 14:1-26
this week	march 6	march 7	march 8
WEDNESDAY Mark 14:27-52	THURSDAY Mark 14:53-72	FRIDAY Mark 15:1-32	SATURDAY Mark 15:33-16:20
march 9	march 10	march 11	march 12
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Proverbs 4:23			



# For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

#### Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have all been introduced to the world in the last 12 years. Since most adults did not grow up with social media, the negative impact it can have is a new struggle. How would your life have been different had you grown up using social media? What kind of impact might it have had on the person you've become?
- 2. When we use social media we invite opportunities for our insecurities and struggles to invade our homes and lives (jealousy, identity questions, fighting, cruelty, pornography, and lying...just to name a few). Share a time when you experienced this in your own life, or saw this type of negative impact in the life of a friend or family member.

**Parents with Teens:** Social media is dangerous for children. There are predators, bullies, and loads of temptation. Which of the normal teenage problems has invaded your home as a result of social media?

3. The world of social media is like a minefield. Read Proverbs 4:20-27. Looking back over your life, what is a landmine you wish you would have

## **Small Group Questions Continued**

never stepped on – something you wish you would have guarded your heart from? What impact has the explosion of that landmine had on your life?

As a believer in Christ, what responsibility do we have to help others (children, family members, friends, co-workers, etc.) guard their hearts?

Why?

**Parents with Teens:** How is social media like a minefield? Read Proverbs 4:23. How can you help guard your children from thoughts, images, words, and ideas that could be landmines to their hearts and souls?

4. In order to effectively guard our hearts, and the hearts of those we love, we must have a plan. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. How will you make the most of every opportunity this week to guard your heart and the hearts of others you care about?

## **Action Step**

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are	
I'm accountable for	, and their action steps are
My memory verse is	
This coming week, I'm praying for:	