

The “New Flirting”



**PARENTS ON THE FRONTLINE
BOOTCAMP**

Parenting God's Way Through the Drama and
the Trauma of Relationships and Sexuality

What Can Christian Parents Do About Sexting and Their Children

1. Be a healthy role model with your own phone usage
2. Empower child to have a relationship with Jesus Christ -
identity in Christ - their worth comes from their Creator
3. Remind your child you're on their team and that you want them to reach
their hopes and dreams for their future
4. You be the one to teach your children God-honoring principles of sexuality,
respect for self, and others
5. Pray and ask Holy Spirit how you are to parent regarding this area of their life
6. With your child, brainstorm the pros and cons of having a phone and or technology
at their age and/or stage
7. Make phone and/or technology a rite of passage - have a celebration
8. Be specific with your phone usage rules
 - a. Limit time on phone/texts/photos/internet
 - b. Wait until 8th Campaign
 - c. Get them a "dumb phone" not a "smart phone" - talk only
9. Install accountability software (filters) if you give them a "smart phone"
10. Teach them not to take or receive provocative or inappropriate photos
11. Teach them not to share or request provocative or inappropriate photos
12. Teach Golden Rule - Do unto others as you want them to do to you
13. Be phone police - IT savvy on all devices - keep pace with secretive apps
14. Do random unannounced phone/app checks with them and privately
15. Charge all family phones in common place
 - a. Helps them avoid temptation
 - b. Learn teen acronyms: GNOC - Get naked on camera, PIR - Parent in room
16. Create awareness in children that it's potentially illegal
If subject are minors (under 18) could be child porn
17. Remind them pictures can be shared with anyone and everyone
Warning regarding sexual predators
18. Refute their argument "it's not hurting anyone" - it's not sexual
Promote sanctity of sex - emotional, psychological, moral, social,
and spiritual implications
19. Assure your children you are open to all conversations and are always approachable
20. Applaud them and encourage them when they follow family rules and values
21. If they goof up, forgive them, release them to the Just Judge, bless them, and
get them back on track