

Family Smartphone CHARTER



As your parent, I am responsible to God as the ultimate steward of your phone. As long as the phone is paid for by me, and/or while you live under my roof, here are our **non-negotiables**:

- ✓ All passwords are public and accessible, including for apps.
- ✓ Parents have full access to any phone at any time.
- ✓ No sneaky apps designed to hide or keep secrets.
- ✓ Calls from parents are answered or responded to in a certain time period we decide.
- ✓ No pornography, or sharing of images that exploit, harm, or shame other people.
- ✓ No dating apps.
- ✓ We will not use our phones to bully or gossip.
- ✓ No abusive or inappropriate language communicated through this device.
- ✓ If this phone is broken or lost, the repair or replacement will be your financial responsibility.

Our grace policy

Systems break, technology fails, and sometimes you will find a way around the rules. You can still tell me anything. I want to know if you are being bullied online. I care about who you talk to and what you watch. I'm making these rules because I care about you and want to help you become responsible.

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Essential Conversations to Have First

Who pays for the phone? **Ownership and responsibility**

When and **where** can this phone be used? **Basic ground rules**

How do we know what to trust online? **Representation does not always equal reality**

Why do we avoid harmful content? **A Christian ethic for deciding what's appropriate**

What if everything goes wrong? **Positive motivation, consequences, and support**

The 8 Smartphone Domains

Phones are very good, cursed, & can be redeemed. God owns everything, & He owns all phones. Parents are responsible to God as the ultimate steward of the family phones.

Move from left to right across each of the 8 domains.

