

## Introduction

- A Brief note on “limits” and the Internet
- <http://www.meetcircle.com>
  - Policy-based filter
  - Device/app/site “budgeting”
  - As children get older/mobile/independent, more will be needed

## Parent as Encourager

Avoid Exasperation by:

- Remembering the difference between sins and pet peeves
- Not exaggerating their faults and sins
- Not humiliating them

How the Bible speaks of encouraging words:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 50:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 25:11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:29)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 4:23; 18:21)

How can encouraging our children benefit them? What do encouraging words *do*?

Illustration - Encouragement by the Promises: Pilgrim’s Progress and Doubting Castle

## Parent as Evangelist

How do you define the gospel?

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 | 1 Peter 3:18

The Gospel is not *habit*, it is *history*. The gospel is not something you *do*, it is something Jesus has *done* that you *proclaim*.

- Romans 10:13-17 | 2 Timothy 3:15

## Parent as Prayer Warrior

Opening Point: What we pray about for our children are our priorities for them.

As parents, pray for:

- Wisdom in raising our children
  - Proverbs 2:3-6 | Matthew 7:7
  
- Our children to know, and grow, in their knowledge of God
  - Psalm 9:9-10 | John 1:18 | Ephesians 3:14-19
  
- Our children to be granted eternal life
  - John 1:12-13 | John 17:3
  
- Our children to be comforted and to persevere in their trials of faith
  - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
  
- Our children to be fearless in their faith and to do the most good they can
  - Psalm 27:1-5 | Ephesians 5:15-16

What do I pray when I don't know what to pray?

- Example: My simple prayer for the boys
  - Strong, yet gentle; wise, yet humble

## Parenting by the Promises

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

<sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you will remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,  
<sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end.

<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall dwell secure;  
their offspring shall be established before you. (Psalm 102:25-28)