

# Voices: Examining the Influences that Shape Youth Culture

Deliver a “more compelling story” to your kids

“Whoever tells the stories defines the culture” – Dr. David Walsh

## Suggestions for Parents

- ✓ Model media discernment in your home— watch what you watch (Phil. 4:8 & 9) (James 1:22-25)
- ✓ Set boundaries that you will enforce—be consistent (Prov. 22:6)
- ✓ Set your primary goal as a parent to raise a Follower of Jesus Christ (Eph. 6:4)
- ✓ Learn what the Bible has to say about wise living and discernment (Col. 3:1-3)
- ✓ Begin an on-going dialogue with your kids about media and the messages of the culture
- ✓ Be your kids “Go-To” guy or gal with their questions and confusions
- ✓ Develop a plan for media discernment for you and your kids (mediatalk101)
- ✓ Focus on their heart more than their behavior
- ✓ Be nosy when it comes to your kid’s friends and activities
- ✓ Ask your kids questions about culture — know what they know
- ✓ Learn the technology that your kids are using and talk with them about it
- ✓ Take advantage of and look for teachable moments (Deut. 6:4-9) (Matt. 14:30&31)
  - When you see something inappropriate—discuss why you think it is inappropriate. Talk about modesty, respect, self image, God’s design.
- ✓ Be willing to suffer as a parent. Your kids need a parent not a best friend. (1 Peter 2:20)
- ✓ Help your kids develop their own inner moral compass. Equipping vs. Protecting
- ✓ Have high expectations for your kids. They can be victorious!
- ✓ PRAY ! (I Thes. 5:16-18)(Phil. 4:6)



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## Resources

### Websites & blogs

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

[www.parentteen.com](http://www.parentteen.com)

[www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org)

[www.fulleryouthinstitute.org/parents](http://www.fulleryouthinstitute.org/parents)

[www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com)

[www.mediatalk101.org](http://www.mediatalk101.org)

[www.dr.davewalsh.com](http://www.dr.davewalsh.com)

[www.purehope.net](http://www.purehope.net) and [www.purehopeblog.wordpress.com](http://www.purehopeblog.wordpress.com)

[www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com) and [www.covenanteyes.com/blog](http://www.covenanteyes.com/blog)

### Books

*I Want to Talk With My Teen About Movies, Music & More* by Walt Mueller

*Talking to Your Kids About Sex* by Dr. Mark R. Laaser

*Smart Parenting, Smarter Kids* by Dr. David Walsh

*Age of Opportunity: A Biblical guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul Tripp

*Recreate: Building a Culture in Your Home Stronger than the Culture Deceiving Your Kids* by Ron Luce

*Hurt 2.0: Inside the World of Today’s Teenagers* by Dr. Chap Clark

*Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Dr. Kara Powell & Dr. Chap Clark

*The Measure of a Young Man* by Dr. Gene Getz & Kenton Getz

*Grace-Based Parenting* by Dr. Tim Kimmel