A Christian Parents Guide to Social Media

- Social Media Services
  - Primary
    - Snapchat
    - Instagram
    - Facebook
      - Messenger
  - Secondary
    - Twitter
    - YouTube
    - What's App
    - Periscope
    - Duo
    - Pinterest
- Types of Information Shared
  - Written
  - Photos
  - Animated Photos
  - Video
  - Live Video
- Benefits
  - Connect with friends
  - Outlet for creativity
  - Opportunities for witnessing
  - Opportunity for encouragement
  - Connect with people you can't connect with in person
  - Provides entertainment
- Challenges
  - Exposure to inappropriate content
  - Exposure to inappropriate people
  - Bullying
  - Time consumption
    - Become addicted
  - Need to feel accepted or cool
  - People knowing too much about them
  - Don't know how to socialize in real life
  - Skewed view of reality
  - Self worth based on popularity
- Best Practices
  - Parents having passwords for accounts
    - Monitoring their posts
    - Review of their connections
  - Parents following social accounts
  - Computer in public location
    - Devices charge overnight outside of bedrooms
  - Internet safety contract
  - Manage privacy settings
  - Behaviour similar to the real world
    - Language
    - Bullying
    - Quickly changing behaviour when you come near
  - Monitoring and filtering software
    - Covenant Eyes
    - X3 Watch
- Ways to Share
  - One to many (public)
  - One to many (private)
  - One to many (private) + network
  - One to One (temporary)
  - One to One (non-temporary)
    - Private network
    - Public network
- Ways to Receive
  - Publicly available social feeds
  - Private network within social feed
  - Friends of friends within social feed
  - One to One (temporary)
  - One to One (non-temporary)
    - Private network
    - Public network