



# Wednesday Word

## Christian Voices for Life

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### What Does P\*rn have to do with Abortion?

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**Education:** While a causal affect could not be determined, there was a statistically significant association between exposure to pornography and early sex in several studies. (1) Early sex, of course, leads to pregnancy before a young woman is ready to be a mother, and abortion will be a temptation. So how can parents protect their child from exposure to inappropriate images?

Having a cell phone is basically having a computer in your pocket. With the ubiquitous use of cell phones by children, the danger of exposure to pornography must not be ignored by parents. **It's not just about what your child might seek out; it's also about how others—strangers and predators—**

**can gain access to them.** Peddlers are actively attracting kids, not only on websites, but on social media, chat apps, and even music. (2, 3) The earlier kids begin to view porn, the more likely they are to become addicted. Child-friendly phones are available with built-in protection in every possible system providing access to content. I-phones are owned by 85% of teens in the U.S, and there is high social pressure to have one. But I-phones are particularly full of loopholes and work-arounds. (4) It is difficult to resist the pressure from kids who suffer the social consequences of not having an I-phone, but one parent said “Friends sent inappropriate screen recordings and screenshots. Locker room talk was rife. Buying an iPhone was the worst decision I made.”(4)

Even younger children are in danger – as soon as they have access to the internet. Preparing them to identify and reject pornography should begin sooner rather than later. Defend Young Minds has a wealth of resources to help. Once they begin to access porn, it can become an addiction (5).

1. [Exposure to Pornography and Adolescent Sexual Behavior: Systematic Review - PMC](#)
2. [The #1 Thing Kids Need to Know to Stop Grooming and Prevent Sexual Abuse | Defend Young Minds](#)
3. [Best Music Apps for Kids? We Compared Spotify, Spotify Kids, Amazon, Apple & Gabb for Safety | Defend Young Minds](#)
4. [Surprising Reasons Why iPhones Aren't Safe for Kids: Warning from an IT Expert Mom | Defend Young Minds](#)
5. [Porn Addiction Study Finds Astounding Results | Defend Young Minds](#)



**Prayer:** Dear Lord, please help all parents to be aware of the dangers of exposure to pornography, and take steps to educate their children to resist following the temptation to see more if - more likely when - they encounter it. Help parents to be particularly aware of the dangers of smart phones as well as computers, and the possibility of addiction. Help kid-friendly phones and other tools to protect children from pornography become widely known and available to parents. Give parents and their children the strength to resist the social pressure to own an I-phone.



**Action:** Go to [defendyoungminds.com](http://defendyoungminds.com) to see all the tools available to help protect your children. Four Guides, including “How to Talk to Your Child about Pornography” and many articles are free, and other guides are available at \$5 -10. Their book “Good Pictures, Bad Pictures” is about \$20 and available in 2 versions. The original version is for 7 – 12 year-olds and a “Jr.” version is for 3 – 6 year-olds. Share what you learn with your friends!