Disciples Church - Media Cheat Sheet

* **Preliminary questions for parents:**
  + **Will this help and edify my child?**
  + **Will it help him/her spiritually?**
  + **Will it educate him/her?**
  + **Is my child mature enough to manage this well?**
  + **What does this expose him/her to?**
* **Cell Phones:**
  + **Does your child truly need a phone?**
    - **If so, do they need an internet enabled phone?**
  + **Avoid allowing phone in unaccountable space. (i.e. phone in room at night)**
  + **Avoid allowing your child having a passcode on phone, or if they do, you should know it.**
  + **Phone can be checked by parent at any time.**
* **Laptops & Computers:**
  + **Strategic placement of computer in home.**
  + **Password Protection.**
  + **Internet filters & monitoring.**
* **Streaming Sites:**
  + **Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, Hulu**
    - **Setup parental limits & PIN code.**
    - **YouTube doesn’t have sufficient parental controls.**
    - **Hulu doesn’t have sufficient parental controls.**
* **Social Media:**
  + **Does your child truly need social media?**
    - **If you allow it, their account should not be public.**
  + **Have the login and password for your child’s social media account.**
  + **Follow or friend your child.**
  + **Monitor your child’s social media usage.**
* **Videogames:**
  + **Does this game expose my child to extreme violence, pornography, crude language, and/or interaction with strangers.**
  + **Enable game console restrictions.**
    - **Turn off Internet Browser.**
    - **Enable game restriction by rating.**
    - **Turn off voice chat, text chat, etc.**
    - **Enable Usage Limits.**
* **Television:**
  + **Move the television to a strategic area in the home.**
  + **Turn on parental controls:**
    - **Block content by:**
      * **Rating**
      * **Channel**
      * **Content**
      * **Time or Day**
      * **Hide Adult Content**