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Honor others more
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DO THIS:



Has someone ever given you a chance to try something? How did it feel? King Saul showed David honor when he let him challenge Goliath. We can show the people in our lives they are valuable to us, and to God, when we give them a chance. Brainstorm the names of a few people you know who may be waiting for you to give them a chance. Pray that God would show you when and how to give them that chance.

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WHAT TO DO BEFORE (AND AFTER) YOU GIVE A KID A PHONE

By Tom Shefchunas

By far, the number-one thing parents of teens ask me when they learn what I do for a living is almost always about phones.

It comes in several forms, but generally they ask:

- 1. When do I give my child a phone?
2. I've given my child their phone and it's not going well . . . what do I do?

While I can't offer an answer for every scenario, here's few ideas that might help:

1. It's not "if," it's "when."

As far as when your child should get a phone, I honestly think it varies depending on the child. Generally, they shouldn't get it before they're ready to handle it well most of the time, and not too late so that they have no time to "train" on it before they're completely on their own.

2. It's not "bad," it's powerful.

Parents should respect the power of the phone because it's powerful. Like fire, a pocket knife, or a car, a phone is a powerful force that can be used for great things and terrible things.

Most parents I talk to who are struggling simply hand their kids an unfiltered and

unmonitored phone and assume it's going to work out. It doesn't. Ever. But, on the other hand, they'd never hand them a book of matches, a pocket knife, or keys to the car without a strategy.

3. It's not a "phone," it's an "everything."

A phone is no longer just a phone. And there's a difference between what a phone can do and what our kids can handle at any given time. It makes total sense to limit what a phone can do as your child wades into the world of portable technology.

4. Their first phone should be your old phone.

Avoid giving your child a phone as a gift. When you do this, they assume it's their phone. Start with letting them use one of your old phones as they prepare to get their own phone someday. This clears up so many future arguments.

That's just a start. To download a technology conversation guide or a cell phone agreement, go to theParentCue.org



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