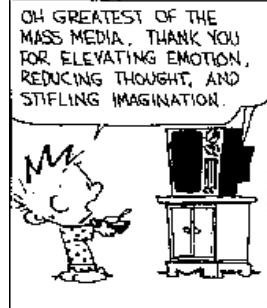
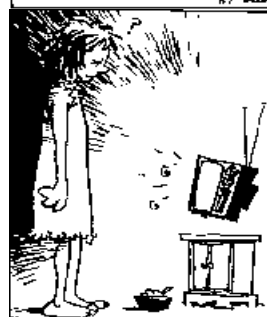


## Calvin and Hobbes

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## *STRONG ON DEFENSE*

**Sixty-two percent** of Minnesota teens have a television in their bedroom. It is almost always the old one that was previously in the living room. Ninety percent of teenage boys have watched pornography. Forty percent of internet users visit a pornography web site at least once per month.

A good offense doesn't solve these problems. A defense is necessary. Below are six things that can help you defend against the effects of technology on yourself and your children. You should be employing most of them.

**1) Keep it public:** if televisions and computers are in places where anyone can see the screen, misuse will happen less often. It's best to set the example and not have mom and dad's bedroom be the exception.

**2) Time limits:** there are controls available for **televisions** and video games that automatically limit how much time can be spent watching or playing and at what hours. There are also time controls for **Xbox, Playstation and Nintendo**.

**3) Check the Entertainment Software Ratings Board rating:** The **ESRB** rates video games so you can know what is dangerous about your son's or daughter's video game.

**4) Internet controls:** **Filtering software** prevents access to certain types of web sites, so you can't go where you shouldn't. Avoiding temptation helps us avoid sin. Most web-browsers and TV systems have some parental filtering controls as well. These filters are easy to



circumvent. Anyone with a known problem should get the next level of defense in place, which is: **Accountability software**. This is a way to have someone "looking over your shoulder". It records all the sites visited and reports the questionable ones to a parent or an accountability partner. **Activity-monitoring software** is the most secure. It is the best for monitoring e-mail, text messaging, online chatting, and social networks (e.g. myspace or facebook). It takes random pictures of your computer screen. You see where any users have been, what they have seen and what they have done.

Two final suggestions. First, put the controls in place before they are necessary. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Second, talk to your children about what you have set up and why.

Note: underlined blue text ([hypertext](#)) can be clicked on for more information.

## ESRB Ratings



## THIS IS THAT

On the day of Pentecost Peter explained a prophecy spoken by Joel hundreds of years before. Simply put, he said, "This is that." (Acts 2:16)

At the International Coordinators Meeting in London we received a word about our youth work that can be summarized as: "I am beginning an age of evangelism among youth. You are unprepared for it, so prepare. Pray for the resources you need and expect not just growth but multiplication." How should we be looking for the Lord to fulfill that word?

### By the Numbers

"Multiplication" automatically makes one think: more numbers evangelized. I believe that is the primary understanding of what the Lord is saying to us. And we have begun to see places where the number of students at our meetings have doubled or the number in discipleship programs has. However, I believe there are three other types of multiplication that are also part of the fulfillment of this word.

### Zeal

A second type of multiplication is

in zeal. This is more than mere enthusiasm. It is a decision to respond to the call of God. It is exciting to see youth saying to us: "Your call is my call. You said YES, now I say YES"

### Gifts of the Spirit

A third type of multiplication concerns the gifts of the Spirit. What we have received they are receiving and in such a way that will make them more effective than we are. To fulfill this word, the Lord must raise up more and better prophets, healers, evangelists, pastors, than we currently have. As I have watched Kairos grow the past few years, it's been exciting to see our worship teams getting better, to see young people increasingly equipped to pray for healing and deliverance, and doing so with greater faith and greater results.

### Leadership

The final type of multiplication I see is that of leadership. At our recent YES (Youth Equipped to Stand) Retreat for high school

students there were thirteen young speakers who were clear, strong and effective in what they presented, addressing delicate areas such as family strife, waiting to date, fear, courage and prayer. We had 70 small group leaders calling other youth into the full life of discipleship. Nearly 200 responded to the call to be missionaries to their families, friends, communities and schools. We prayed with 100 youth who will be serving as missionaries to the orphaned, poor and elderly or at summer camp this year. There is a new generation of leadership standing beside us and calling to their friends, siblings and companions: "This is the way, walk in it!"

Going from 20 to 60 youth involved in a local chapter is multiplication. However, having youth who are twice as zealous, twice as gifted and twice as committed as they were before is multiplication of another and a more important sort.

May the Lord continue to multiply his work with youth!

**T**HERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN INCREASING ITS SPEED. - GANDHI

**CHANGE IS INEVITABLE,  
EXCEPT FROM VENDING  
MACHINES.**

## Lies & more lies & statistics

- The number of computer viruses in circulation reached one million for the first time, according to [Symantec](#). There were 711,000 new viruses identified in the past year – an increase of 468 per cent over what were identified last year.
- CERN, the originators of the world wide web, announced the start-up of the www's replacement: [the grid](#). It will be a while before private individuals can use it, but it will process data at speeds 10,000 times faster than a broadband connection.
- IBM is developing new [compression technology](#) that will make it possible to store 3,500 films or **half a million** songs on your mobile phone, iPod, or MP3 player. It would take three years 24/7 to listen to them all just *one time*.