

Sexuality and Gender: Clarity in an Age of Confusion

Gender, Sexuality, and Helping the Next Generation

How to discuss sexuality, gender, and relationships with our kids

- Early and Appropriately
- Consistently and Naturally

Important Components of Foundational Conversations with our Kids

- Always make God the authority on the topic
- Champion godly friendships
- Have comprehensive conversations
- Set an example and confess your failure
- Emphasize your love for them

Reminders for having an inquisitive or informational conversation with kids about same-sex relationships, distorted forms of sexuality, or gender transitions either proactively or in response to exposure.

- Appeal to God's Word and design
- Encourage honesty
- Be age appropriate
- Move toward this conversation and your child
- Communicate confidently and compassionately
- Emphasize the centrality of the Gospel

Reminders for how to respond when a kid shares with you that they are gay or expresses the desire to transition their gender.

- Communicate and demonstrate your love for them
- Seek to discover the struggle behind the struggle
- Assume initially that they know your convictions
- Patiently & prayerfully look for the best time and way to remind them of your convictions
- Seek the help of others
- Guard against negative cultural influences
- Continue to celebrate and honor God's good design
- Take the long-view

Responding to a child exposed to or addicted to pornography.

- Remain calm and composed
- Remain compassionate
- Don't make their decisions about you
- Remember that this is about their hearts and minds
- Ask questions
- Point them to pathways of help
- Champion Grace
- Family Technology Covenant

Related General Parenting Principles

- Don't assume everyone else has the same values and convictions that you do
- Invite your kids to blame anything on you to have a way out of social pressure
- Be involved in your kids' friendship choices and activities
- Increase and improve your child's intergenerational influences
- Communicate that you love your children no matter what before and after failure

Resources:

- *God and the Transgender Debate* by Andrew T. Walkler
- *Everyday Talk* by John A. Younts
- *Designed for Joy* Eds. Jonathan Parnell & Owen Strachan
- *Pure* by Dean Inserra
- *Finally Free* by Heath Lambert
- *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch
- *Good Pictures Bad Pictures* by Kristen A. Jenson
- *Good Pictures Bad Pictures Jr.* by Kristen A. Jenson
- *God's Design for Sex* Series by Stan and Jenna Jones
- *God Made Me In His Image* by Justin S. Holcomb & Lindsey A. Holcomb
- *God Made All of Me* by Justin S. Holcomb & Lindsey A. Holcomb
- *God Made Boys and Girls* by Marty Machowski
- [How to Respond if Your Child Comes Out](#) by Maria Keffler (article)
- [8 Things Parents Should Do When Kids Want to Transition Their Gender](#) by Sam Ferguson (article)
- Axis.org