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Quick Quips

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And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. [Eph 6:4 KJV]

Who or what is nurturing your children?

Some of you are not going to like me after I say this, and some of you that already do not like me will probably re-affirm your dislike for me. But none the less, Im not in the game of men pleasing.

I am gravely concerned about the age of instant information.

Many young children are permitted to possess a smart device that gives them access to the internet. Many have Face Book and Twitter accounts.

There is no way any parent can monitor their activities 24/7. Don't kid yourself.

Young children perhaps 5 or 6 (maybe younger) are liable to be exposed to things that are far beyond their maturity level to grasp or understand. I should not need to school any mature person of all the depravity that exists on the internet. Do I?

When children are exposed and these events occur (and they should not) there needs to be an adult available to explain what it is they have seen or been exposed to.

With the absence of this counsel we are creating a very different generation (not for the better) than the one I grew up in. The days of "Leave it to Beaver" or "Ozzie and Harriet" are long gone.

Some of things Im talking about I personally did not discover or even have an interest in until I was 13 or 14 years old (Still too young for most in my opinion)

I would not give a smart device or internet access to a child.

Oh but wait. Our school system likely requires homework to be submitted using this method.

It is a trap, and one we may not be able to escape unless parents step up and take control.

Rather than letting a smart device baby sit your children, perhaps some old fashioned parenting is in order.

If you are one of the rare parents that strictly monitors and restricts internet access for your children, then you are to be commended. But don't let your guard down, even for a minute. But even you probably have.

Yes there are some conveniences to using a smart device. But like most anything else in life, it can be abused. The evil that is likely to ensue far out weighs any of the supposed conveniences mankind has lived WITHOUT for thousands of years.

Spoke in love.