

# Teaching Our Children about Sexuality

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# Agenda

- \* Why?
- \* When?
- \* What?
- \* How?

# Why?

- \* Deut 11:18-24 We must teach our children the ways of God and of his people, and his people have sex, or they do not have children to teach
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““Imprint these words of mine on your hearts and minds, bind them as a sign on your hands, and let them be a symbol on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates, so that as long as the heavens are above the earth, your days and those of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your fathers. For if you carefully observe every one of these commands I am giving you to follow — to love the Lord your God, walk in all his ways, and remain faithful to him — the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will drive out nations greater and stronger than you are.”

-Deut 10:18-24

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**“SILENCE is criminal. We must teach these facts and teach them right, so that knowledge may lead to purity and righteousness. But with the new awakening and discussion of sex matters, the pendulum has swung from silence to publicity that is almost nauseating.”**

**-E. K. Mohr, 1914**

# When?

- \* Yesterday! (or much younger than we think)
- \* Answer them when they ask questions
- \* Primary school age at the latest, middle school is too old... Average age for first exposure to pornography is 11 years.
- \* Get inputs from other parents

# What?

- \* Everything – but not necessarily all at once
- \* Cover the Biological, sociological, ethical and spiritual aspects
- \* Help them decipher their own bodies and emotions
- \* Help them understand the perversions they will likely be faced with

# How?

- \* With confidence
- \* With frankness – we all have so many struggles that we can share!
- \* With depth of insight – superficial rules produce superficial convictions
- \* With perseverance

# The Church and our Children

- \* Sex needs to be a very public topic in the Church
- \* We must create a culture where purity is the expectation and our children know why (and not because they will be punished)
- \* Our children need to understand that there is grace. For many their sexual struggles will be the defining moment for the notions of lostness, sin, grace and forgiveness
- \* A culture where our children see the benefits, they can say: "I see the world, I see the church and I want this for my life"