

Bullying and Social Media

Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed...

(Isaiah 1:17)

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

(Proverbs 14:31)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

(Proverbs 31:8-9)

CHALLENGES

Read the above passages with your family.

Talk about the following questions in regards to the use of social media and in real life:

- How do these Bible verses apply to the concept of cyberbully and bullying.
- Have you experienced bullying or have you observed someone else being bullied?
- If you have been the person doing the bullying, what can you do now to stop or to apologize?
- What are some ways you can stand up for someone who is being bullied online or in person?
- In our family, we take bullying very seriously. We do not approve of bullying, and we do not approve of standing by while someone is being bullied. God is calling us to be “upstanders”, not “bystanders”. What is our plan for dealing with bullying?

Head to these links in order to get some specific ideas for dealing with cyberbullying.

- <http://antibullyingblog.blogspot.com/2011/09/18-ways-christians-can-deal-with.html>
- <http://www.campusanswers.com/5-strategies-for-students-to-stand-up-to-cyberbullying/>
- <https://www.stopbullying.gov/kids/what-you-can-do/index.html>

