

OUR PHONE FOUNDATION:

As a family, we believe that technology is a gift from God meant to be used with wisdom and purpose. Phones can help us learn, connect, and create, but they can also distract us or draw us away from what matters most. Our goal is not just to set limits, but to live with integrity and intention in everything we do, including how we use our devices.

Our Phone Foundation is a shared commitment to honor God, respect one another, and take responsibility for our choices. It outlines seven guiding principles that help us stay connected in healthy ways, protect our hearts and minds, and remember that our ultimate purpose is to glorify God in all things.

1.) The phone is a privilege, not a right.

Parents may choose to revoke or suspend the privilege of the phone at any time. Remember that technology belongs to God, and we should use it for His glory. With God's help, we strive to uphold the Technology Pledge at all times.

2.) Parents own all passwords and may monitor your phone use.

In order to live above reproach and to have accountability, parents should always have all app and phone passwords. Our digital activity is never private, so giving parents full access to the phone demonstrates this and reminds you to live in the light rather in darkness. (*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."* – 1 John 1:7)

3.) Apps must be approved and only downloaded by parents.

Parental controls are set on the phone to remind you of this.

4.) Screen time will be monitored and evaluated regularly.

We believe technology should serve us, not rule us. As parents, we will help you manage your device using apps with time limits. We will help you grow in wisdom to discern when and where it is appropriate to use a phone.

5.) Alert us right away of anything inappropriate or dangerous on your phone.

It is your responsibility to let us know of any problems or potential dangers you encounter online. It is important to expose problems early before we become entangled by sin. (*"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."* James 1:15) This is for your protection. If something makes you feel uncomfortable or you need a way out, you may always use us as parents as an excuse and say, "My parents monitor my phone, so I can't do this." As parents, we commit to teaching you how to be safe online and protecting you.

6.) Connect with parents right away.

Because the phone is a tool for making connections, be quick to respond to texts and calls from parents. We, as parents will be quick to respond to you as well.

7.) There is a cost to having a phone.

If you break or lose the phone, you must take responsibility for it by paying for it and/or serving others to earn money to fix or replace it. We must always be responsible for our actions.

