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(4) My plan not to repeat this sin and to respond biblically instead (Titus 2:11-14)

Speak biblically.

I will teach Matthew the principles in God's word, in order to help him know right from wrong, and to help him know that the Bible is the one true source for all wisdom and all of life. I will continue to speak out against the trash that infiltrates almost every part of our lives in this wicked place. I will try to teach Matthew ways to avoid pornography when he is with friends or family. I will explain to him the damage that pornography has on a family, and even on a single young man. The power that we have in Biblical change is the put on. Identify the sin, then focus on the put-ons.

Act biblically.

I will teach Matthew God's view of this type of sin, so that he can take charge of his own life as he grows and matures into a young man. I will try to prepare him to keep himself pure when he begins driving and receiving more privileges away from home. I will help him find the biblical put-offs and put-ons for the times when he is tempted in this way. I will trust him to act biblically when he is away from home. I will trust God to help and protect him in His own way.

My contingency plan for overcoming my failure to trust God to protect my children:

As soon as I realize that I have failed to trust God to protect my children, I will **S.T.O.P.**:

Surrender my "right" to worry about things I have no control over. I will pray and ask God to help me to focus on His power and ability to protect my children instead of worrying.

Think of the situation biblically, reminding myself that no situation is worth being disobedient to God by worrying about what Matthew may be exposed to at other homes.

Open my heart to receive God's peace. I will ask God to help me to remember my put-offs and put-ons whenever I am tempted to worry.

Prepare for God's blessings, knowing that He will richly bless those who seek to do His will. I will remind myself that God is working in my children's lives every moment, and that He can help them to stay strong through any temptation. I will remember that God can use any situation to make me and my children more Christ-like as we are obedient to His will.

If I fail to keep my plan:

I will confess my sinful behavior to the Lord, and start on my basic plan again immediately, making adjustments as necessary.