

# THE SPIRITUAL REASONS

## To Delay iPads & Tablets for Children

### HINDRANCE TO BIBLICAL PARENTING

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Prov 22:6). Children can grow up passively consuming and constantly entertained or in the training and instruction of the Lord, either way, those habits will continue into adulthood.

### OPPOSES WISE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

“Be careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity” (Eph 5:15-16). Apps and games are created with the goal of maximum engagement. Without wise discipline and careful training, childhood days are wasted on what will not last.

### INSTANT GRATIFICATION OVER THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal 5:22-23). Touchscreen technology and algorithm-driven rewards condition children to expect instant gratification, making it difficult for them to cultivate patience and self-control.

### OPENS DOORS TO WORLDLY INFLUENCES

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophies, which depends on human tradition...” (Col 2:8). Online media often promotes worldly values, influences, and messages that contradict biblical truth.

### WEAKENED DISCIPLESHIP

“These commandments that I give to you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home...” (Deut 6:6-7). Screen dependency limits the conversations and spiritual training parents are called to provide in everyday life.

### COMPETITION FOR THE ROLE OF GOD

“You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex 20:3). Media and technology can easily become idols consuming children’s attention, affection, and desires. Idols, like screen time, demand more but deliver nothing.

