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### CHARACTERISTICS OF AN "EPIC" GENERATION

- **E** <u>ntitled</u> (entrepreneurial)
- P <u>rivate</u> (skeptical)
- mage Driven (option overload)
- Connected (restless)
- Spiritually Vulnerable (tolerant)

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#### DEFIANT: AN OVERPROTECTED GENERATION (30:11)

- Helicopter Parents hover too close. • Karaoke Parents try too hard to be cool. (They're not.)
- Groupie Parents treat their children like rock
- Lawn Mower Parents run over anything that steps in their child's way.
- Rototiller Parents mulch over everyone.

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#### DISDAINFUL: AN OVERSERVED GENERATION (30:13)

"Knowledge doesn't equal maturity. Giftedness doesn't equal maturity. Influence on social media doesn't equal maturity."

I call this "artificial maturity." ...they appear mature—they know a lot—but too often it is artificial, not authentic. This sends them into adulthood unhealthy and unready. They are savvy vet naïve.

# DANGEROUS: AN OVER-

- CONNECTED GENERATION (30:14) Nearly 97 percent of parents said their children
- used mobile devised of some sort.
- At age 4, the survey found three-fourths of kids owned their own mobile device.
- •28 percent of two year olds can navigate a mobile device with no help.
- •20 percent of one year olds own a tablet computer.

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According to the Pew Research Center, students today put technology into the same category as "air and water." In short, they believe: "I must have it to survive." The same report reveals that college students would rather give up their "pinky finger" than their cell phone. Wow. That's quite a trade-off, don't you think? What's more, teens interact with romantic partners "most digitally" and 31 percent have been the recipient of a boyfriend/girlfriend "breaking up with them in a text."

## TAKE HOME TRUTHS

- We should listen to the greatest resource Book available... •Help them by producing skillful godly
- intelligence (Prov 1:2a; Col 1:9-10)
- •Develop in them discernment in decision-making (Prov 1:2b; Eph 1:8)

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