



A Proverbs 22:6
Private Eye



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The God-inspired words of Proverbs 22:6 exhort parents to “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Every generation that brings us closer to the prophesied end of the age makes that instruction more difficult to carry out.

Today’s young people have access to transportation that can move them across town, across country or even across oceans. Without leaving their rooms, they can connect with friends by phone or by computer. The disturbing side of such modern technologies is that our sons and daughters are exposed to the evil underbelly of society that preys upon the young and the innocent. If parents are unaware of what these freedoms and electronic marvels are doing to their children, how can they be effective in training them?

Parents Face Outside Interference

Parenting today has been made more difficult because civil rights activists and liberal judges have built walls between parents and children by defining

correction as abuse and the monitoring of a child’s activities as violations of a minor’s rights. Added to that volatile recipe for tragedy is the fact that families spend less time together because often both parents must work to provide a living.

George Taylor happened to be visiting with friends when they discovered on the MySpace web site a message in which their teenage daughter had talked about committing suicide. That chance discovery came in time for the parents and their daughter to get counseling, which prevented the death of a precious teen and a lifetime of grief for a father and mother.

George, a 20-year veteran of U.S. Government Law Enforcement, had a career of working undercover operations, protecting presidents and celebrities and taking drug runners and other criminals off the streets before he was moved to bring his expertise to bear on problems much closer to home.

Founding OPSEC Solutions

In 2007, George founded OPSEC Solutions (Operational Security Solutions), a private investigative, security protection and human resources

firm based in Marietta, Georgia. Today, his organization performs background checks, drug testing, workplace theft investigation and security assessments. As a private detective agency, cases include investigating infidelity, workers compensation fraud and loss prevention and conducting surveillance and consultations for corporate human resources.

From the beginning, George’s greatest concern has been helping parents protect their children from sexual and deadly dangers. He says, “...we are living in very difficult and complicated times. The way we live our lives has changed dramatically since 911.” He urges parents to seek objective recommendations and guidance from a professional when dealing with matters concerning their loved ones and friends.

Modern Technology to the Rescue

OPSEC uses a number of tools to create a safety net, including overt cameras placed to help prevent criminal acts and tiny cameras used for covert monitoring. Software installed on computers can search for key words or

phrases that signal when a child is connecting with someone who might harm them. The program logs sites visited, as well as passwords used for hidden accounts.

In one case study, a scantily-clad 13-year-old female performed a provocative dance on her webcam for a friend. Soon, the video was posted on an Internet porn-site and more than one-half million hits were recorded. Amazingly, 90% of the parents of children engaging in such risky activities have no clue.

Reality programs document the arrests of sexual predators seeking sex with minors. Tragically, there are also news stories of young people found murdered following meetings arranged in chat rooms. One popular web site investigation uncovered identities of over 12,000 *registered* sexual predators. Four months later, that number climbed to over 20,000. No court, no government, no activist group has the right to stand between parents and their children when such a world exists.

GPS—Monitoring, Tracking, Alerting

George's most important tools are based on GPS technology. One small tracking device can be carried in a purse or pocket and has a panic button that connects with the parents. In an emergency, help can be on the way in seconds. There are also units that can be discretely installed on a car to plot its location and speed.

Units such as these can be expensive if purchased along with a monthly monitoring charge. However, George furnishes the unit and monitoring only for the times needed for around \$50 daily. An example of such a time would be when a young person is vacationing away from home. The disappearance of a young woman in Aruba clearly shows the need for such a device.

Geo Fence—An Invisible Boundary

Geo Fence is a most impressive tool used by OPSEC. Parents set a boundary around areas where their children are allowed to go without being chaperoned, and OPSEC draws a virtual fence on a satellite view. Any excursion outside of that boundary sets off a notification.

Years ago, I, the writer, lost my oldest son when he and his friends decided to leave a scheduled band practice to go to a bowling alley. On the way, my son was shot and killed by an assailant. Geo-Fence could have alerted my wife and me before it was too late, but at that time, the tool was unavailable. George is working hard to make such life-saving tools available to today's parents. It is his prayer and the prayer of parents like my wife and me that others will be spared such devastating losses.

George Taylor and his wife and two-year-old daughter attend Johnson Ferry Baptist Church under the ministry of Pastor Brian Wright.

To find out more about OPSEC, please visit opsecsolutions.com or call 404-394-3093 for a free one-hour consultation. Be sure to ask about the warning signs that could signal a call for Taylor's services.