

Q. BEFORE, PARENTS USED TO SCOLD FOR SPENDING TIME ON DEVICES, SAYING IT WILL AFFECT OUR EYES, BUT NOW WHY ARE PEOPLE NOT SAYING SO WHEN THERE IS E-LEARNING?

- LIZBETH DCOUTHO, 11 YRS, ABU DHABI, UAE

ANS Well jokes apart what I understand from your question is that there seems to be a double standard. Let's get to the root of the issue. It's a fact that devices and through that the internet has positive and negative impacts on children and elders. Children may not be able to completely gauge the implications of what they are involved with and so the apprehensions of parents. And this not only about devices but most aspects where the children could be in danger. See even Mary and Joseph were concerned about the teenaged Jesus. So let's understand that what parents are doing for us is for our good and with the best of knowledge they have. Let's accept it as God's will for us.

Q. WHAT DO I DO WHEN I AM NOT INTERESTED IN THE PARTICULAR THING THAT SOMEONE ELSE EXPECTS FROM ME?

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ANS Hi Gianna - it depends whose expectations we are talking about here. Let me try to explain in a simple way.

In the long run - doing God's will is the paramount for each of us. As a child this is manifested through our parents, teachers and other elders in school, church and society. If you look at all the people who have done well in life (saints from a spiritual part and other achievers from a worldly sense) each of them had to go through similar things in life. This is the process of growing older and mature, Gianna. For now if you think it is morally and ethically right thing to do, even if you are not interested in it, let's do it for our Lord o

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