

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL ~ PASSING NOTES

This can also be thought through in the context of texting or social media outlets, not just writing notes.

KEY VERSE

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27)

ILLUSTRATION

Tawni loved to write notes in class. She had lots of friends, and she was always giving or receiving a note from someone. Some of the notes were quite graphic, particularly those shared between Tawni and her friend Erica. One day when Tawni got home from school, her mother was waiting for her at the kitchen table. Tawni could tell she was in trouble - her mom had “the look” - but she didn’t know why. Then her mom pulled out a folded piece of paper. Tawni could tell from the way it was folded that it was a note from her purse. She knew it was the one that Tawni and Erica had written back and forth to each other and that it contained some explicit and vulgar wording. As her mother confronted her with the contents of the note, Tawni became defensive and angry that her mom had searched through her purse.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was Tawni’s mom right in looking through Tawni’s purse?
2. Where was Tawni at fault?
3. What would have been the best way for Tawni’s mom to handle the situation?
4. What advice might you give to Tawni?
5. What advice might you give to Tawni’s mother?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Psalm 15:1-3

Corinthians 6:18-20

Ephesians 4:29-30

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8