

## **Getting Technology under Control**

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**“And follow not (say not or witness not) that of which you have no knowledge. Verily, the hearing, and the sight and the heart, of each of those, one will be questioned.” (S: 17 V: 36)**

**It is said that youth is the age of innocence, perhaps this explains why executives in the entertainment and advertising industries invest so much resources in the creating of products for youth. At this age of innocence they are also very impressionable. The concern for parents and educators is that they get the right impression!**

**One of the great challenges we face in contemporary society is the explosion of mobile and information technology. The mobile phone has become an indispensable tool for both commerce and communication.**

**However in as much as it can be used to communicate in a savoury manner it also has the potential of becoming a means of corruption and vice.**

**Where it allows one to view and download Islamic content it also facilitates the downloading of materials that promote lewdness such as nudity and music.**

**The onus then is on the user both young and old to use technology in an appropriate manner. We cannot wish away technology but we can create awareness to the harms and pitfalls of inappropriate use.**

**The aayah quoted above is an excellent point of reference to formulate our personal policy when it comes to using technology. We do not follow blindly, we remain cautious as to what we hear, view and perceive.**

**We should remind ourselves constantly about accountability in the Hereafter. This is after all one of the building blocks of Taqwa which is the quest of all of us. May Allah give us taufeeq to use His bounties appropriately. Ameen.**

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