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Dorothy-Jane,

As I watch the change in our culture due to technology, the video "**Hikikomori Loveless: What causes young Japanese hermits to give up on real life**" from RT was worth viewing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE1UIK85E3E>). Considering in the first 4 days it has been viewed about 10 times what their other videos are viewed, it seems I am not the only one aware of this.

You have to look past the differences in the Japanize culture and see the underlying common roots to the nature of all people. How much is this impacting our kids?

I often wonder about my interaction with Jack and his involvement with World of Warcraft. Once I tried to step in with him to be a greater part of his life. Was my stepping in just endorsing him to pursue the wrong direction?

Years ago we used cell phones a lot, even when they were very large, so you and I could communicate. It was something I enjoyed and obviously desire again. However, besides the spying and health aspects, they have a huge impact on culture as we have moved from the "dumb" phone to the smartphone. There is a huge body of evidence of how the younger generation is losing the ability to communicate, especially face-to-face, with any depth due to the impact of smartphones.

Physical isolation is becoming commonplace and there is clearly a growing American version of Hikikomori here. I have watched it happen in front of me as I observe others.

While I spend my day in front of 4 computer screens, I haven't had a cellphone in years. When I set out of my home, 90+% of the time on foot, no electronics goes with me. **I am free**. What about my family?

What are my kids allowed to do? **What are they encouraged to do?**

I can only go by what evidence I have. They are clearly told that the Bible's command about the role of the father, reconciliation, and the permanence of marriage is only a joke. That the institutional church is a club that you must not challenge or they will send the police after you. That even the state's rules about a father's involvement and communications with his kids is only a quaint suggestion.

Our culture seems to say that we should embrace cellphones, invite electronic corporate and state monitoring into our home and most intimate details of our lives, and we can isolate ourselves because that it must clearly be good. We want to be citizens of the world, don't we? Is that what my children are being taught? It would be consistent.

Do you see my concern?

I have discussed with others the video "**You would not exist**" (<http://kozlowski.org/2017-12-23+1>). It is interesting that the kids that are most impacted by this are the ones that were, shall we say, not endorsed. I wonder what they are thought of today. Since Julia, our fourth, is already married with child, would you have been better off without the remaining five?

I think it was four kids that your dad once said that when we reached that point, I would change my mind about that issue of the Lord's first commandment. Clearly I didn't. I wonder what his thoughts are today. Was it my comment about a tenth child would be a demonstration of true reconciliation between us that motivated you and him to turn to the state for divorce and deny the Lord and His definition and commands on marriage? This is the model my kids' mom and grandfather set before them. As a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am concerned for them. **Do they know this? What will they think one day if they see this email? It is my hope they will see that their dad loves them.**

Perhaps a better model to set before them is of how foul people reconcile? There is no perhaps about it. I remain willing! **I'm not giving up.**

I love my kids. I love my wife.

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Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13