

How to Overcome the Dangers of Social Media

Social media has taken the world by storm. Social media is an internet gathering or community. It is various websites you can go to and create your own spot (sometimes page) and put videos, pictures, and comments.

Here are a few positive things about social media:

1. You can stay _____ with family and friends across the globe.
2. You can get _____ with people you haven't seen in a long time.
3. You can post _____ of your family and special moments in your life.
4. You can immediately ask for _____.
5. You can share the _____ with people who need to learn the truth (Acts 20:20).

But so often the case with positive things, people often have a capacity to corrupt them. That is exactly what has taken place with social media!

I. The dangers of social media:

- A. _____
1. If we are not careful, social media can eat much of the time God gives us.
 2. God expects us to be good stewards of our time (Ephesians 5:15-17).
- B. _____
1. There are some pictures on social media right now that shouldn't be there!
 2. Do we have pictures that are being a stumbling block to others?
- C. _____
1. There are things posted on social media that should be kept private.
 2. This has become a problem for Christians everywhere!
- D. _____
1. Some of the reconnecting on Facebook is not good.
 2. Through Facebook many are reconnecting with past lovers and committing adultery.

II. The solutions:

- A. Set some _____.
1. I try to set a time limit for how much social media I use each day.
 2. There are so many other things God expects us to do with our time.
 - a. Spending quality time with our family (Ephesians 5:25, 33; 6:4).
 - b. Spending time nurturing our relationship with Him (John 4:24; Mark 1:35; Psalm 5:3; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15).
- B. _____ ungodly pictures.
1. Take heed to passages like Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Titus 2:11-12.
 2. Remember your responsibility to shine at all time (Matthew 5:16).
- C. Keep private things _____.
1. Do this with your spouse.
 2. Do this with your parents (Ephesians 6:4).
 3. Do this with your brethren (Matthew 18:15).
- D. Be _____.
1. Don't use social media to achieve sinful purposes (Galatians 5:19).
 2. Always be open and faithful to your spouse (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9).

Conclusion: No part of a Christian's life is to go _____ by the teachings of Jesus (1 Peter 1:14-16; Colossians 1:9-10).

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