Christians and Social Media

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INTRODUCTION

- We need to be careful what we are taking in. We need to be careful what is comprising our thoughts.
- The most valuable, the most impressive tools of the devil are ones that are gradual, aren't they?
- It's all about what we are putting out and what we are taking in.

1 Be Careful, Little Eyes, What You See

Matthew 6:22–23; Philippians 4:8–9

- You see, what you see is what you think, and what you think is what you then pursue.
- Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- These are people that push us towards God instead of pulling us away from Him.

2 Be Careful, Little Ears, What You Hear

Ephesians 5:3–5; Ephesians 5:11–12

- Let there be no filthiness, nor foolish talk, nor crude joking, which are out of place. But instead, let there be thanksgiving.
- Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
- You are sending a message or receiving one, whether it's through an online medium, a telephone, or face-to-face.

3 Be Careful, Little Mouth, What You Say

Ephesians 5:25–27

- As Christians, we need to do whatever is in the best interest of our souls. Period.
- So many internet issues would be resolved if we just considered, would I do this publicly?
- As Christians, we don't escape our Christianity, our obligation to God by signing into a web page.

4 Be a Light and Confess the Name of Christ

Matthew 5:13–16; Matthew 10:32–33; Matthew 25:14–30

- Can someone look at that and say, that's a follower of God?
- Do you realize that we have an almost unprecedented way to reach out and to be lights into the world?
- So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.
- Potential is not pleasing to God. Action on that potential is what is pleasing to God.

5 Be an Encouragement to Friends

Romans 12:6–15

- Love one another with brotherly affection, outdo one another in showing honor.
- Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- If you post something about how you need encouragement, I can be there for you.
- Do we commit ourselves to being a servant of God even on the internet?

6 Three Dangers: Time, Too Much You, Too Much Others

Ephesians 5:15–17; Philippians 2:1–8

- Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time because the days are evil.
- It has a never ending appetite for your time.
- We need to consider that we need to be Christians both online and offline.
- And that's when I want to get to the second danger, is too much you.
- Perhaps there's too much others. Perhaps sometimes we take in a little too much about what other people think.
- In humility, count others more significant than yourselves.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are we presenting Christ in a good way, even online, or even at every moment of the day, making the best use of the time?**

MY NOTES