Christians Using Social Media

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INTRODUCTION

- A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.
- If I can summarize my entire lesson in about a five-second sentence, it would be sin is sin, behind and in front of a computer screen.
- Social media is a large presence in our world, particularly in this country, and Christians need to be aware of how to use it.

1 We Need to Guard Our Hearts

Matthew 6:22–23; Philippians 4:8

- The most important one is we need to guard our hearts.
- If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, Your body will be full of darkness.
- We are going to be a product of what we put into ourselves.
- 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.

2 Danger Area: Time Wasting

Ephesians 5:15–17

- So when you see some danger areas, I think the first one is time wasting.
- Look how carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
- That time would be there if we wouldn't give it away to unnecessary things.
- Is this consuming my time to an excessive degree that pulls away from my devotion to the Lord?

3 Danger Area: A Lack of Christian Behavior

Titus 3:1–2; Philippians 2:12–15; Matthew 18:15

- A danger area is this allows for such a lack of Christian behavior that it really can be appalling.
- To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle and to show ourselves perfect courtesy toward all people.
- Slander is a sin on Facebook, on Twitter, and to someone's face and behind their back. It is all the same.
- If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

4 Bought With a Price: Modesty and Focus

1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Luke 9:23–25

- We were bought with a price. Is this what Jesus bought me for?
- Just because it's behind a computer screen or on a digital world, does not make it any less something that we need to submit to the will of God for.
- Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?
- Our focus is not a number of likes or retweets or comments. Our worth is in Christ. In Christ alone.

5 Our Mission as Christians: Spread Our Light

Matthew 5:14–16

- We've got to think about our mission as Christians, and that's to spread our light.
- Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- If social media is nothing, it is an opportunity for our light to shine on a stand and shine brightly.

6 Encouraging Others and a Platform for Teaching

Romans 12:7–10; Matthew 28:18–20

- There's an interesting, often overlooked aspect that we can use this for, and that's encouraging others.
- Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
- This is a platform for teaching.

MY NOTES