Internet God's Way

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INTRODUCTION

- Truly, the Internet has a potential to do a lot of good for Christians.
- But the internet also has tremendous potential for harm. And so we're going to look at some of those dangers, and we're going to talk about how to avoid those dangers.

1 Unbridled Access to Sin

Proverbs 4:20–27

- Online access to extreme filth is instant, private, easy, free, uncensored, unlimited, available 24-7, and often accidental.
- Keep or guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.
- Watch the path of your feet, and all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left. Turn your foot from evil.

2 Pornography, the Number One Danger

Matthew 5:28; Job 31:1; Matthew 5:29–30

- Whoever looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery in his heart.
- It is a sin to lust, whether you're a man or a woman.
- I have made a covenant with my eyes. How then could I gaze at a virgin?
- His point is go to extremes to rid yourself of lust and sin.
- You do what you have to do to stop this problem of pornography.

3 False Religious Information

Galatians 3:1

- The internet is full of lies from atheists, from agnostics, from false teachers of all stripes.
- We need to give them substance.
- Such misinformation has the appearance of wisdom. But it is utter foolishness.
- We need to be so firm in our faith and in our understanding that we are not drawn away by every wind and doctrine.

4 Prideful Display of Self

1 Timothy 2:9–10; Galatians 6:14

- Social media like Facebook encourages a look at me attitude.
- I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing. Modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works.
- May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- In whatever way we present ourselves to the world, it needs to be a way that points to Jesus.

5 Illegal Downloading

Ephesians 4:28

- Copyright music, movies, games, and so on, are easily downloaded illegally.
- Illegal downloading is theft. And it might be the one and only way that Satan gets Christians to steal is through illegal downloading.
- It's not only a crime because it violates the law of man, it is a sin because it violates the law of God.
- He who steals must steal no longer. But rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good.

6 Constant Distraction

Luke 8:14; Luke 21:34

- These are the ones who have heard. And as they go on their way, they are choked with the worries and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to maturity.
- Internet enabled devices can be a distraction that can choke the word.
- It is a device that can be useful, but don't let it pull you away from God.
- We should therefore carefully limit our use of all internet enabled devices.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So let's do what we have to do. Let's pluck out our eye. Let's cut off our hand and let's go to heaven and not hell.**

MY NOTES