

Series: Bible-Wise

Title: Social Media and the Internet:

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God's Word is Eternal: In Matt, Mark, & Luke, Jesus said... *Heaven & Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

But what about the things that weren't around when the Bible was printed?

I Grew Up Old School!

Not every home had a phone, Color TV, Air Conditioning.
Old Cars & Old Tractors
My told stories of plowing with Mules.
He would talk about how their first tractor allowed them to expand their work.
Today, farmers don't want to the good ol' days.
They have air-conditioned cabs, Bluetooth stereo, GPS etc.
I man can Farm what it used to take a dozen families to do.

Technology has advanced at an exponential rate.

My parents could never have imagined.
75 years for the Telephone to get into 75 % of the homes.
7 years for the Internet.
Sometimes I wish I could undo the Internet & roll back the world, but its not going to happen.

Technology is not going away:

As Bible Believing Christians, How are we to address Social Media, Internet, & the technology still coming?

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We Must Be Bible-wise!

We Must Let God's Word govern our lives.

Technology Is Not Sinful in an of Itself:

For many years, I hesitated to get on Social Media because of the Sinful things being done on it.

As with any new technology, people will use it in a way that reflects what's in their hearts.

(Matt 15:18-20)

(Titus 1:15) *Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*

We must be Bible-wise:

(Eph 5:15) *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

We Must Let God's Word govern our Social Networking.

Build Godly Relationships:

Relationships are build through communication.
I prefer the Face-To-Face kind, but many people don't.
Not at first, the want to get to know you first.
Many people check out our church on Social Media before visiting, including watching a service online.

Social Media/Interned allows faster, easier, & a more consistent stream of communication.

Be a Witness for Christ: Via the Internet/social Media we can write literally ... (Mk 16:15) *Go ye into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature.*
(Acts 1:8) *“Both” in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Utter Most.*

Teach Biblical Principles: Invest in others Biblically:
Paul wrote letters to believers all over the known world to grow them in their bible knowledge & faith!
(2 Tim 2:2)
Social Media/Internet Affordable & Effective @ Sharing Biblical Truth.
BUT make sure your biblical teaching is backed up be a consecrated life.

Encourage Others: (Prov 25:11)
(Deut 3:28) God commanded Moses to encourage Joshua.
We can use it to encourage people like never before.
Email, Text, Facebook, What's App, Marco Polo App,
Communicate w/ Missionaries, Family & Friends.

(Prov 27:17) *Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*

Prayer Requests, Prayer Updates, Physical Needs, & What God is doing! (Rom 12:15) *Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.*

Stay Connected to Family Around the World:
(Prov 25:25) *As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.*
I witness, teach, encourage, & stay current in my prayers for them.

Set an Example to Others with Biblical Use of Technology:
(Eph 4:29) *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

Where ever I am, a restaurant, a plane, Metro.
I try and remember I am God's Ambassador to this world.

I tell the Teenagers: *“You may be the only Godly influence in their life.”*

Exert Godly Influence:
Our world is in desperate need of Biblical Voice's.
(Mark 1:3) *The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*
You can be the “John the Baptist” in your social network.

Illus: As a youth Pastor I would always try to steer the teenagers conversation to spiritual things.

Spiritual Admonitions that Cover Social Media/Internet:
Remember the Public Nature of all Posts: (Prov 13:3)
(Eph 4:29) *“that which is good to the use of edifying”*

THINK: Is it TTrue, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?

Express Humility:

BE REAL: God Sees: (Prov 15:3)

Deflect Praise to God: (1 Cor 10:31)

Give Priority to your Local Church:

(Acts 20:28) *which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

Avoid Every Appearance of Evil: (1 Thes 5:22)

Be Involved in your Kid's Online Activity:

Practice Moderation: You Can't Parent through SM, neither can it replace Face-to-Face time with people.