



...and the Christian

- Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life (Proverbs 4:23).
- A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back (Proverbs 29:11).
- The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult (12:16).

- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).
- Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation (1 Peter 2:12).

- You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet (Matthew 5:13).

- You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

- Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain (Philippians 2:14-16).

Social media is no different from the way we ought to be acting in any other realm. The principles herein apply everywhere, all the time, whether immersed in social media or not.

Here is the problem: venues like social media may make us feel that we can say more, show more, or do more than what we might normally do.

The Language We Use

- But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:3-4).

The Language We Use

- Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned (Matthew 12:33-37).

The Pictures We Show

- Are they appropriate for professing godliness (1 Timothy 2:10)?
- Do they show undue obsession with worldly ideas (2 Timothy 2:4)?
- Do they show that we think about worldly matters more than spiritual matters (Colossians 3:2)?

Compare this...

- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1-3).

...to this.

- Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret (Ephesians 5:11-12).

The Attitudes We Display

- Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful (Colossians 3:12-15).

The Causes We Support

- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33).
- Has God commanded the thing I support?

The Things We Like and Share

- Pages, pictures, links, statuses.
- Is there any hypocrisy in them?
- Do they help to support the kingship of Jesus or subvert it?

What Good Can We Do?

- We can talk about Jesus and His Word.
- We can build up and edify.
- We can encourage thinking on things above.
- We can show support for truth and godly people.
- We can pray for others.
- We can have fun within the boundaries of right.

Any Other Area of Life

- Are you using your influence to point people to God and His word?
- Are you willing to share it with Jesus?