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Subject: Social Networking

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This is something that has concerned me from the 'get go', Myspace, Facebook, YouTube, Skype, texting, tweeting, instant messaging, blogs, (forums)...I'm not telling, or suggesting, that a Christian (or anyone for that matter) should or shouldn't be involved in these things. I am saying and giving a warning that one should guard against getting caught up in them, because they can become all consuming (even addictive). I understand that this is all new and exciting (the explosion of mobile technology happening almost daily, can you believe the iPhone is already to version #4? iTunes, iPod, iPad, G4...faster and faster, more aps, everything bundled together, using the phone for GPS, internet access... I get dizzy just looking at them) I mean, who would of thunk it, 10-15 years ago?

I'd suggest anyone and everyone take a couple of minutes and click on PalTalk Room (below in red) and go to Pastor's Blog and read what Joe Brenneman wrote yesterday.

We're to be bold as lions and we're promised perscution if we live Godly in Christ Jesus, but we're also to be WISE and DISCERNING. I fully understand the desire for 'connection' and 'fellowship' with others, probably as much as anyone, but I don't think it's wise to allow these things to rule our lives...and I see MANY people who are caught up in social media to the point they can't carry on a live one on one conversation with another person without constantly checking messages, answering back, and being distracted due to their minds and thoughts being elsewhere. It's just plain old bad manners and disrespectful to the person who's trying to converse with them.

Opps, I'm ranting...well it is the Rant/Rave section, isn't it?

btw: After I'd written and posted this it came to me how Brother Freeman was often charged with legislating behavior and creating legalism. I think this would probably be an example of that...So and so said we COULDN'T talk on cell phones or communicate with our family and friends on the internet, he said that if you used them you were an addict. A 'real' Christian/Overcomer wouldn't have one of those things in his/her home or allow their children to use/have them. Brother so in so went over to their house and 'they' STILL used those sinful, worldly gossip machines...I'm not having anything else to do with them, they're in rebellion.

Think that's an over dramatization? Think again, that's very close to what went on 25-30 years ago amongst our circle of religious zealots...Have we learned anything?

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