Subject: Social Networking
Posted by james on Sun, 07 Aug 2011 12:00:17 GMT
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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 acess... 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 amongest our circle of religious zealots...Have we learned anything?

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by GWB on Sun, 07 Aug 2011 19:58:54 GMT

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Very good advice, James.

I have to admit, I have been intimidated by the technology from the get go. For one, I have a hard time manipulating what I am supposed to do where. I know all of this can be used for God's Kingdom. I appreciate that fact. I went to business school years ago, so I am a good typer. Other than that, forget it! lol

Secondly, who in the world can't see that all of this technology is being used in bad ways as well. It has united the world. People have information, about a person, that is shared, stored, and who knows what else. Personally, that is scary to me.

I appreciated Bro. Brenneman's Blog. I very much agree with him.

Also, I agree that this would have been another so called "rule" that was not intended at FA.

I have made personal decisions so that I don't get caught up in all of it. I have been guilty in the past. It can take up so much time. If it is for the Lord, and you believe He would have you do it, that is one thing. However, all of this can waste so much time.

Thanks for sharing.

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by Gary on Wed, 28 Aug 2013 05:19:00 GMT
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Quote:...Have we learned anything?

I wonder sometimes about myself.

I know this is old article but at the same time all this electronic gizmos are still part of every bodies life, so it seems current everything you shared here.

I personally don't care for all this stuff, the computer alone is a nightmare.

I think somehow all of this will become part of the world beast system. Every bodies personal information locked in some giant computer, it then becomes part of a Big Brother scenario.

The neighbor kid told us his girlfriend would never talk to him she just wanted to write text messages. They would spend time together and she hardly said a word. Later when he dropped her off she would start a big conversation via text message. He called her up to see what she wanted and she hardly said a word. He said he hung up the phone and here came the text messages.

It was funny to hear him tell it, he was dead serious. Needless to say he broke up the relationship.

Anyway enjoyed reading this I think if anything people are becoming anti-social. We noticed people do not visit like they use to everyone would rather visit on facebook.

I know someone who never is without her cell phone in hand. But when you try to call her you can never reach her, except you send a text.

I gotta go I think I just got a text coming in. Just kidding!

Gary

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by GWB on Wed, 28 Aug 2013 07:25:53 GMT
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Funny!!! Well, kinda'.

Of course this technology is part of the plan of Revelation, etc.

"The whole world will see, at once, the two witnesses raise from the dead after three days."

I can't see this being done via scrolls or even the morning newspaper!

I am living big brother myself. I don't care who believes it. Everyone's time is coming if not

already.

The time is here, people. It is not futuristic.

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by james on Wed, 28 Aug 2013 12:04:48 GMT
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Two years later and it's certainly not gotten better. I was trying to carry on a conversation with a confessing believer Monday and he couldn't maintain eye contact during the conversation(I guess if just one person is engaged in the discussion it really can't be considered a conversation, can it?) but he constantally looked at his 'smartphone #27'<kidding> device to the point I just gave up trying to reach him. I don't think he even realized I'd walked away for several minutes. lol I can easily remember like yesterday how I was amazed the the 'older generation' just didn't get it(sex, drugs, and rock music), how they were 'out of it'....I guess now I can 'get it'. Just because something's new and exciting doesn't necessarily mean 'it's all good'...

I've no problem with using technology to make things more efficient, but MANY today are allowing technology to be used by Satan to ensnare them. Whether trying to rob us of time, tempting to watch/view immoral material, get caught up in gossip, ect.

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by Gary on Wed, 28 Aug 2013 20:41:38 GMT
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Quote: I don't think he even realized I'd walked away for several minutes. lol

Now that's funny.

After I wrote this other reply here I remembered last weekend stopping by my brother in laws house, he had a guest that walked by and said Hi Gary. After that we were talking and my brother in law wanted me to go outside and see his garden.

This guy came along as well. The problem was as soon as he said Hi Gary in the house we lost contact. He pulled out a smart phone and was holding it at arms length the whole rest of the time.

I don't know if he was checking stock quotes, checking emails or what. Whatever he was doing he forgot the rest of us existed there.

Quote: "The whole world will see, at once, the two witnesses raise from the dead after three days."

I thought definitely they would be setting up a web cam and sending pictures all over the internet, news, ipads, and smartphones will show the dead bodies.

It says they will all go out shopping I can see walking through the mall with all the big screen TV's showing the results as well.

I read an article where all the new TV's that have web cams that someone can turn it on from another area and look right into your house.

It's just a matter of time and I think its shorter then we all realize.

Gary

Subject: Re: Social Networking
Posted by Gary on Thu, 19 Sep 2013 00:07:27 GMT
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I don't know if everyone has rushed out and got a new smart phone, if not you probably seen people standing around in public with glazed eyes looking at their cell phone and touching it with one finger or a thumb. That means they have a smart phone.

I got to admit they are pretty handy.

These phones can be tracked anywhere you go with GPS. I recently read where the government is keeping records of all and any information that is on the smart phone of every individual that owns one.

I cannot help but think these devices are paving the way for the mark of the beast. How easy it would be to put a micro chip on someone's body and keep 24/7 track of them. A young man I know showed me his military ID, it was like a credit card with a large micro chip in the center. He said all of his information was recorded on the chip.

I don't know for sure if the mark of the beast is through some computerized technology but I sure

think its leading us in that direction.

Gary