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### **Sermon – Anti-social media**

**Scripture – Galatians 6:1-10, Mathew 6:22-23, Read 1 Cor 15:33 – 34, Read Proverbs 3:1-8**

**Message – The right way to help people along the righteous path is not berating on social media for that trap is also yours.**

Bully's: brave or cowards? I tend to think they are usually cowards. I have seen so many bullies on social media that I cannot even fathom who taught them such behavior. Just try and get in front of one of these self-righteous folks physically is nearly impossible. They are only brave behind the security of the internet. I encourage and implore you to never entertain any corrective action that is not face to face. But if you don't listen to me, then please listen to God's word.

#### **Read Galatians 6:1-10**

Hate speech is everywhere, but nowhere like it is on social media. Many who are demure, patient and outwardly kind in person (Dr. Jekyll, become Mr. Hyde while typing inflammatory remarks under an internet name. Worse yet, there are what are called "trolls" out there, who creatively and evilly express opposite viewpoints to drive even more strife into the world. Of course, I am not saying that anyone listening today does that, but just reading this negativity is harmful to yourself. We are tainted by this world if we are fixated on things that are not of God. It happens to us all. Fix your gaze upon him. Here again, please listen to God

#### **Read Mathew 6:22-23**

Many think they can handle a sinful situation and not get trapped by it. That is a mistake. Sometimes we get sucked into things that seem innocent enough at the beginning, but soon it becomes a very dark and bad place for us to be. It takes a SPIRIT WALKING MONSTER to handle corrupting influences and situations without falling into that trap. Even Jesus was tempted, he strongly pushed back on others.

#### **Read 1 Cor 15:33 – 34**

The very concept of social media is like walking a mine field. Only the very skilled with proper equipment and expert training could survive such a feat. Is it wise to walk in a mine field even then? Well, only if you have too. We use Facebook on-line content in order to provide for those who need to be remote or occasionally can't make it out. It certainly can have its value, but I know that my own Spirit gets disturbed by posts that I occasionally see. I avoid it at all costs because otherwise I would be an angry, disturbed, fatalistic person that sees no hope in the world. If this has happened to you – walk away. It is the same with every other vice out there. The risk may be far greater than the reward. Everyone thinks they can handle it and maybe you can. I cannot, which is why I barely touch it.

The Bible often tells us to be aware of deception. The kind I know I have to watch out for is the same kind I am giving to you for consideration today. Do not deceive yourself. Pray about it and discover the truth of it in your own heart. Do it. It is always a good day to learn something about yourself. Here again is what God's word says.

#### **Read Proverbs 3:1-8**

I want us all to seek God and TRUST in HIM, but we sure like to do it our way don't we? The world is NOT a better place because of social media. It is more openly divided. Do not deceive yourself.