

General Topics :: Get off facebook, BE A MAN by Paul Washer

Get off facebook, BE A MAN by Paul Washer - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/3/8 23:30

Saints,

I added this video up. It is a short clip and very powerful. It convicted me on the area of how I was using facebook. May those of us who see Jesus and the kingdom of God as most important use and waste our lifes solely for God's purposes.

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<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myvideo/photo.php?lid=696>

Re: Get off facebook, BE A MAN by Paul Washer - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/3/9 1:10

I'm not a man, but I agree with Paul Washer. I was on Facebook for about a week and I must admit it was a huge waste of time for me. It was also very addicting. It was neat to find people I had not talked to or seen since I was in high school. But it was also very time consuming and not productive, in any sense. I am speaking from personal experience! It is very addictive and time-consuming. In my opinion it is a trick of the enemy(at least it was in my life)! I hope that this helps! In Christ!

Wendy :-)

Re: - posted by wind_blows, on: 2009/3/9 1:59

Hi

I am not a guy either but I know several others who use facebook and it really can consume your time. I know for myself I love to write and share with others but after much prayer the Lord has kept me from opening any accounts with any of the networking sites or twitter I just know that I would spend too much of my time on there and that would not be honoring God. I am going to share this with others.

Thanks for posting this

Your little sis in Him

Elizabeth

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/3/9 2:47

While I have never been much of a "joiner," the Lord has made it clear that He does not want me to be a part of any of these networks. While He has not revealed the reason, He has been very clear about the fact that He does not want me connected with them.

Somehow, I think it has something to do with making an allegiance, or aligning oneself with a group or body other than Him.

Re: , on: 2009/3/9 6:05

Amen... and there are many who waste a lot of time on this forum as well. I was guilty. I haven't been on here much lately for several reasons, but that was one of them.

Facebook can be a good thing, just as SI can be. But they can become a waste of time too.

Krispy

Re: Get off facebook, BE A MAN by Paul Washer - posted by TracyInMD (), on: 2009/3/9 7:46

That is SO interesting, Bro. Greg. I found this video just this morning and watched it before seeing this post. I've thought that for some time, "How beneficial is facebook?" I mean, what I had hoped for (to encourage and be encouraged by believers) is about next to impossible. If you post something, your unsaved contacts may think it applies to them. I mean I keep thinking "consider your audience".

It's been mostly tragedy, as I watch folks I used to go to church with in another state line up completely with the world and its interests. It's just as heart wrenching to watch unsaved people in my family make horrible choices and post them for everyone to see.

I'm very encouraged by **some** Christians I've met, but I'm coming to think the BAD (including the occasional images that I'm forced to see) are outweighing the good. It's much more encouraging to come to SI. And I do believe that God is assembling/gathering His people in person as well. Nothing on facebook can even touch truly Biblical fellowship among believers in person.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/3/9 11:42

It is not as much stopping something or getting off something but rather "using" our lives for something much better. If we just stop watching tv, stop this and that there is no virtue in that! But if we begin to serve God with all our hearts and put our hands to the plow. If we start to be obedient Christians then that is virtuous and what brother Paul Washer is calling for.

Re: - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/3/9 11:47

Amen and Amen!

Re: , on: 2009/3/9 11:55

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Amen. I agree with this. We need to have eternity stamped on our eyeballs and a zeal within us to give our lives for that which will bring glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Re: , on: 2009/3/9 13:14

Yes, Greg... you got to the heart of the matter.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Dawn10379 (), on: 2009/3/10 17:39

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I agree with this 100%. I have a facebook account and yes I am on there often. I have people on my friends list that have found me from High School and now I get to share Jesus with them. I think that is a wonderful blessing! There are some who only talk to me once and then realize I am "one of those" and I never hear from them again but there are others who are still willing to talk and want to be a part of my life. Since I live about 5 hours from where I grew up it is the only relationship I can have with these people and I realize that I may be the only one to share the Truth with them. So I think that there is a positive side to it. I also use it to chat with other Christian women I know and keep up with their every day life.

I think anything can become an idol or time waster. Including SI. I know I have spent a lot of hours reading through these forum threads and it hasn't always been for my edification. I say all things in moderation...is it really necessary to cut everything out of our lives 100% because we cannot control ourselves? (I know the verses that may get thrown at me here) What about the good that we could do on FB if we were all on there spreading the gospel rather than using it to waste time..

Re: Get off facebook, BE A MAN by Paul Washer - posted by jordanamo, on: 2009/3/10 17:51

Facebook is a social medium.. people use it to keep up with each other. I see it as something that can be abused, that can become your master.. but it doesn't have to.

I don't get much involved with it, but it nonetheless can be useful for keeping in touch with people. I wouldn't have found out about the Poonen conference in PA, for example, without having been notified on Facebook about an event, and many others found out about it through there.

Re: , on: 2009/3/13 7:12

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/muslim.hackers.disrupt.christian.facebook.page/22758.htm>

Re: Facebook is a neutral medium - posted by dpneedham, on: 2009/3/13 10:18

Facebook can be either good or bad, like money can be good or bad. It depends upon the user, and their heart.

I struggled for months, and finally joined Facebook to satisfy a sister who wanted to stay in touch, and who is a stay-at-home Mom and has the time to be on the computer. She has regained contact with cousins, and other family members because she has Facebook.

Once I joined, I realized that I can use this medium as a tool.

There are drawbacks, and things to be cautious of, as with anything else on the Internet.

It is (according to many in the conspiracy theory camp) a tool used for spying by the CIA, and other government organizations. Facebook can keep all your data you upload or put on your site, forever, even after you close your account, or whether or not you have deleted the info.

Consider it "publishing," without any form of copyright, every time you post something. It is available to the world immediately, and to the government forever, even if you delete, or shut down your account.

If you are ok with that, then go ahead, and use it for God's glory. Like anything else, you can get addicted, distracted by it, or waylaid by it.

So you need discipline. But you do with anything else as well. I respect Paul Washer, but his audience would be greatly

increased if he maximized the Internet. Others are, and so his messages are getting out to people he could never reach without the full impact of the Internet.

If used as a tool, Facebook can have a wide impact for God.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/3/13 11:49

dpneedham wrote:

Quote:

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Amen brother. This is exactly what I use it for, and it should be used for. In fact, I have been able to witness to my HS and college crowd I used to run, who are still pretty hard hitters. I have had many, many conversations with these unbelievers about the Lord and conversion. One of my HS best friends has poured his heart out to me when seeing the conversion in my life.

Brothers and sister. The time is short. The Lord's call goes out to all believers to spread the gospel. Facebook is a tool that I use (and I can boldly say that all believers, who partake in Facebook, should use it as well) to preach the gospel.

Many people are going straight to hell, lots of them use Facebook. Will you go into the midst of the battle, or will you stay in the safety of the sanctuary?

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/3/13 12:16

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One does not need to join Facebook to be in the midst of the battle. I will be praying that He blesses your ministry.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/3/13 13:09

HeartSong wrote:

Quote:

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How correct you are.

I apologize if I implied that a Christian needed join Facebook in order to get into the spiritual battle. This was not my intention and I conveyed it poorly. Many, many, many are involved in the ongoing spiritual battle that is taking place throughout the 99.9% of the world outside of Facebook.

To clarify, I believe that, if as a Christian and you are involved on Facebook, you should be using your Facebook account as a witnessing tool to non-believers, or for advancing the Kingdom and edifying believer to believer.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/3/13 13:26

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whatever you do.... do it unto the lord.

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Thumbs up. Dawn likes this.

Sorry...just a little humor for those who use facebook, you would understand. =0)

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/3/13 17:09

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him . (Colossians 3:17).

Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1Corinthians 10:31).

Facebook, the internet, Sermon Index can all be used for God's purposes and for His glory or it can be used by man for his own personal satisfaction and to promote his own agenda.

None of these things are good or evil in themselves, but we must ask the question, why, how, and for what purpose are we using them?

Mike

Re: - posted by JesusLoves, on: 2009/3/15 1:41

Quote:

Miccah wrote:

To clarify, I believe that, if as a Christian and you are involved on Facebook, you should be using your Facebook account as a witnessing tool to non-believers, or for advancing the Kingdom and edifying believer to believer.

We have to be very careful regarding this. Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. We do not have to constantly use facebook to propagate christianity- just a sincere prayer for the person we are having a conversation with- will turn the table in God's favor.

we do not want to be religious and put people away from our lord and saviour jesus christ. He is awesome- so gentle- so loving- so caring. We serve an awesome God. Use the facebook to make friends - more friends- and just pray for each one of them. AND AS ARE SURRENDERED TO OUR SAVIOUR- HE WILL SIGNAL TO US- GO AHEAD SPEAK TO THIS ONE ABOUT ME...

Re: , on: 2009/3/17 6:44

I say fill in the blank "Get off _____", Be a Man!! Everything is in moderation, we can abuse most anything. And some things are just not necessary for the believer....

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2009/4/7 21:34

I overheard this 'netlingo' today... :)

Social Not-Working: The practice of spending time unproductively on social networking sites, especially when one should be working.

BlackBuried: Being inundated and exhausted trying to be on top of all your email 24/7 with your handheld mobile device.

MC

Re: - posted by BroRed (), on: 2009/4/9 1:38

Yea and Amen. When radio first came about it was touted as a tool of the Devil, the same with TV and internet. Yet, how many millions have come to Christ through these mediums? Anything that God uses to call His own, can and will be perverted by the enemy.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2009/4/9 12:24

When I think about myspace and facebook I almost always feel *alarmed*, especially if grown adults are involved. I set up a facebook some time ago to be able to keep track of the behavior of some of my older children. I think it is a double edged sword that we must approach with tremendous caution and discernment.

One of the issues brought out in this thread, etc. is how it consumes time. The enemy loves to distract us with things that make us vulnerable to his lies and deception. There is more than one way to move a mountain. He will move in ways and things with such subtlety that you will not see it. Others will start asking questions like, "Who are you- you are not your self!"

Facebook allows you to pick your friends. My grandma now well into her 80's says- "tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are!" We should ask ourselves who we are allowing to influence us and speak into our lives. Who are w

are taking up their 'cause' or their 'concerns'? Facebook allows folks to spread their ideologies and offenses in a most subtle way. It allows them to influence people, powerfully. Folk come under 'influence' and don't realize it.

Is Facebook changing your 'face'? I mean, is it altering who you used to be? Are friendships influencing you in ways that are steering you away from God and what He is doing in your life? Always remember, deception is like RAT POISON- it is 90% good corn- it is the 10% strychnine that makes it so deadly. The question is not is something 90% true- it is whether or not it is 100% true. Many are being deceived today. Often they alter the trajectory of their life or ministry because of genuine problems; other times it is because of prejudices or jealousies. Human behavior is a multi faceted thing.

So consider this as you approach anything like Facebook or myspace or the internet. Who are you allowing to speak into your life? Are you allowing people to usurp the authority of God? Facebook narrows your counselors and thus creates a 'yes' man or a 'yes' woman mindset. Everyone protects their friendships. But you need people that will speak to your life even if you disagree with them. Iron sharpens iron. If not the whole world will become like one big huge Facebook- with a willingness to shut out those with whom we differ and insulate ourselves from opposing ideas. That- would be a most dangerous world.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2009/4/15 10:56

I personally was using myspace at one time and used it as a witnessing tool, but guess what no one commented or even cared for several months so i got rid of it, now i am doing the same thing with facebook with the same responses, which would be none. I guess i would have to be joel osteen for someone to want to answer or respond. My family hates when i preach the gospel at home or say anything about God, i am beginning to tell people that the reason they don't care about god is because they hate god and the bible. You have to talk to people i think the way paul washer and jesus did, you must not be afraid, this world is getting even more sinful, they don't know better. Stop giving the seeker friendly gospel, tell them the truth. Anyways the lord has revealed i think something to me about everything. T.v unless your watching a great sermon or maybe the way of the master on tv. then you are wasting your time and are not helping your walk in the spirit, because everything else on t.v is garbage. Also christian movies today are very popular but i would like to say they are just movies and i would take them as a grain of salt, because you have to remember it is all acting, it is not real, watch documentaries or sermons. It actually sickens me that people today especially online or at the christian family store care more about fireproof a movie than about books by a.w tozer, charles spurgeon, john macarthur, etc. i don't joke i have seen tozer's books sitting in the same spot without being bought for over a month now. People i think still hold onto this worldly part a lot, it is sad. Man all the godly material that has ever meant anything to me or told me the truth and has helped me understand the gospel has been free material or stuff no one really knows about like washer, reidhead, ravenhill, zacharias, but no one in mainstream christianity knows about them, why because they only see the stuff on t.v that is heresy or these best life now books promoted all over our stores, it is sad that they actually defend these people too.

Re: Splitting the World between Secular and Spiritual - posted by GordonM, on: 2009/4/16 9:28

You seem to be getting into a mindset which divides the world between 'spiritual - Good' and 'secular - bad'. This is not biblical. God created the physical world and everything that we can see and do not see (music, poetry, art, love, etc.) God is the Creator and we create because we are made in his image. Satan has never created anything. He is not a creator. He (and people) can corrupt good things and make them bad (music, films etc can inspire people to bad things as well as good e.g. Nazi and other propaganda) but this does not mean that the things themselves are intrinsically not Godly. This distinction is a very westernised Christian slant. Jews in the Old Testament and New Testament times (and modern day Messianic Jews as well interestingly) do not recognise such a split. Today Jewish Christian bands will mix gospel songs with those with ordinary secular lyrics. To be holy is to be distinct but that is in worship to God and in attitude to life. You do not have to be religious. In fact religious people are often the most ungodly and unholy (remember Jesus' words about the then Jewish religious leaders!). We do not bring people into the Kingdom by constantly preaching to (or more probably at) them. In fact we do not bring people into the Kingdom at all. The Holy Spirit does that. Our job is to plant seeds and we do that best by showing people a better life than they have got and making them think about that. We can then answer questions (if they ask it means that they will be listening to the answers!) and the Holy Spirit will do the rest. Everyone will not come into the Kingdom and we may only contribute to a very few but we must remember to listen to what God wants us to do and not simply go on our own evangelistic crusade like some sort of 'religious scattergun'.

You cannot do better than St Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

Christ summarised the commandments as 'love God and love people'. If you show others that you are doing both in a practical fashion, that will be much more effective in preaching the gospel than thousands of books, hundreds of films or

illions of words.

Re: - posted by JamesRondon (), on: 2009/4/16 16:00

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do , do all to the glory of God."

Re: facebook - posted by bunnydrop, on: 2009/4/21 15:20

I to used facebook at onetime as i was lonely and everybody seems to be on there.but i felt even worse when i went on there.It wasted my time and made me false friends.I needed God and now im not lonely.I am on Biblespace.com however as its only got about 1000 members and we just talk God so to speak.and they support me as i have no real christian friends with who i can relate.I however with all forms of internet try and limit my time spent and remember the real things like pray and reading my bible and reflecting etc