

To Post or Not to Post! That is the question.

(A few thoughts on believer's interactions on social media)

Part 3

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Matthew ³⁶I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless^[j] word they speak.^[k] ³⁷For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

III. What are the spiritual goals of your post on social media?

(What should our end goal be)

A. Glory

I Cor 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do everything** for the glory of God.

B. Helpful

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. Galatians 6:1

C. Truthful

Therefore, putting away lying, **speaking the truth**, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:25

D. Missional

Matt 28: ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[e] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

1 Peter 2:12

IV. So how do I know what to post online?

A. We wait

My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, James 1:19

Do you see someone who speaks too soon? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
Proverbs 29:20

B. We pray

James 1:5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.

C. We evaluate

Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent—discerning, when he seals his lips.
Proverbs 17:28

Mark Twain....” Never argue with a fool. Onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.”

Be careful that AI isn't doing your thinking.

AI research findings from Tim Barnett and Greg Koukle at Red Pen Logic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y-iqSQH7TM>

<https://subsplash.com/u/standtoreason/media/d/kvh73wr-how-ai-and-social-media-are-making-us-dumber>

“We must stop outsourcing critical thinking”

D. We post (with love and grace)

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ.
Ephesians 4:15

VI. So what do I do now if I have messed up?

A. Repent

I John 1:9 If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and righteous to **forgive** us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

B. Delete

C. Replace

Ephesians 4: 24 and to **put on**^[1] the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

Close:

“If the pastor at your funeral shared your last 20 posts, what would it say about you?”

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