

Facebook and our Christian Witness

There are many Christians on Facebook. It can be a great forum to promote living in Christ and acclaim his miraculous change in ourselves. It is also useful for keeping in touch with brothers and sisters in Christ. Unfortunately, I have observed that, sometimes, the posts of Christians are no different than those of non-Christians.

Titus 2:11-12 says, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age..."

Wait...you're saying that applies to my Facebook postings? Yes. We are to be Christ-like not only on Sunday but at all times...even when posting our thoughts and pictures on Facebook.

Facebook is a very public forum. Many of us have hundreds of "friends" who read what we post. I think it is very important to give careful consideration to what we say (and show) on Facebook.

Here are some questions that I think every Christian Facebook user should consider:

1. Would I say the same thing in a public worship service that I say on Facebook?
2. Would I use the same language around my Christian friends that I use on Facebook? Profanity has no place in the Christian vocabulary. (BTW, abbreviations can also be profanity.)
3. Should I be concerned about the possibility of causing a brother or sister to stumble because of what I post on Facebook? For example, if I tout my favorite alcoholic beverage could I possibly cause a brother who struggles with alcoholism to stumble? Maybe not, but why risk it?
4. Would a "friend" be surprised to find out I am a Christian after reading my post or looking at my pictures?
5. Is my Facebook persona Christ-like or world-like?
6. Let's ask ourselves: "Does this post give honor to the name of Christ?"

A Christian can use Facebook as a positive witnessing tool. I would encourage you to consider carefully what you post on Facebook.

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