Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church
Jn. 10:10

Peril for the Simple

"And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths a man void of understanding." (Prov. 7:7)

In the context of Scripture, a simple one is one that is _____. They are not a _____ in that they have refused to heed instruction, but rather one that either did not _____ or _____ the instruction that they were given. Notice the earlier statements:

* _____my words

* _____ up my commandments

* _____ them

Once again, this is a reminder that Biblical _____ doesn't just come from hearing, it must be applied with _____. How foolish that this young man may have heard that this path is not wholesome, but he did not DO—else he would have AVOID it. Instead, he may have responded to his experienced parents— I _____… I _____… I _____! Yet his simplistic curiosity has directed him into a dangerous and possible deadly path! (Prov. 7.23).

With regard to digital technology, there are several perils of which the prudent MUST be aware. This week, we will focus on the perils of the _____ with a focus on what is seen.

1) **The Peril of Irreplaceable** _____— Surely with the limited time that we have (Jam. 4.14), we should learn to be cautious with its expenditure (Eph. 5.16). Anything that can cause us to speed hours mindlessly _____ and physically _____ should at least be cautioned.

2) **The Peril of Irretrievable** _____ — We are (should be) born into _____, and we should have real _____ in this life (Rom. 14.7). Though we should be selective as to the influences that we have in this life, we need the companionship that friendship and family brings. This is the same as attendance to _____. Church is a community of assembled saints to worship in spirit and _____ truth. Perpetually streaming or online watching is NOT the same thing as going to church! It is neither _____nor _____to be withdrawn into isolation. This is not how God has _____ us.

3) **The Peril of Impactful** _____- We speak of how much children know today. Yet, this knowledge has not produced a more _____ society, a _____society, nor a society with more _____! _____ _____ can not replace true, time-tested _____ (II Tim. 3.7). A statement should also be made here about the youth learning things before they have matured physically and emotionally. Some things learned to early in life create _____ problems.

4) **The Peril of Inappropriate** _____— Aside from some search engines, social media and ecommerce sites, most of the top visited sites promote _____ material. With the tags and advertisement that these powerful, wealthy sites push, an _____ or curious click can open a world _____of evil. The have 10s of millions of visitors each month. The path to this type of wickedness is no longer a concealed road, it is a superhighway _____ of wretched allure.

5) **The Peril of Intriguing** _____— Many are the stories of youth being ensnared in the gaming universe. It used to be admirable to play games, but the internet connected gaming industry has a very dark side. With VR there is an increasing _____ in many of the games that often impact the _____ development of the youth. Equally, many of these internet hosted games can function as _____ _____ sites as well.

6) **The Peril of Increasing** _____— While browsing on the internet, it is painfully easy to become _____ with your possessions. The houses, cars, décor that is often advertised can easily manipulate us into having a great _____ for those things which we wish we had. Covetousness and idolatry are _____ evils that each believer must _____ against (Col. 3.5, I Jn. 5.21).

While the Internet has many useful applications, it should regarded with great _____. These dangers must be understood and communicated. Neglecting these perils will result in the simple passing by and being destroyed (Prov. 27.12).