

USING THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Be aware of the devouring power of Satan. I Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:.”* Never before in the history of the universe has sexual immorality been so accessible and indeed foisted on the internet user with spam emails and pop-ups. The World Wide Web is a dangerous minefield if not used with caution. Use the web with extreme care and caution, better not to have it than to be caught in the snare of the devil. Matthew 5:29 *“And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee.”*

Watch the clock carefully when surfing the web. Make sure in surfing the web that you limit your time on it. Time goes by fast when there is so much activity before the eyes. Even in those websites that are deemed legitimate, we can lose all sense of time in frivolous and vain activity. The Bible says in Ephesians 5:16 *“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*

Be careful to avoid vain talk and gossip. Social networking needs to be used with wisdom; it tends to frivolous and vain talk and makes it extremely easy to wear one’s heart on one’s sleeve; it is too easy to reveal to the world from one’s own ‘personal computer’ what one would not think of saying in conventional personal conversation. The Bible says in **Proverbs 21:5** *“The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want,”* and in I Corinthians 15:33 *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”*

Remember the Biblical definitions of aspects of life. The slogan that Facebook uses is true: “Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.” Facebook by its own definition is merely a “help.” Social networking does not constitute friendship, it facilitates it. True friendship is not virtual, it is real, reciprocal and permanent: Proverbs 18:24 says *“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”* Some people have more Facebook friends than real friends.

Use the web in moderation. Not only in your general use of the web but in how you use any particular site. It is only a matter of time before internet addiction will be spoken of in the same manner and proportion as drug or alcohol addiction. The Bible says in Philippians 4:5 *“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”*