

## **MORE QUESTIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USERS**

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**ARE YOU KEEPING BIBLE PRINCIPLES CONCERNING COMMUNICATION?** All forms of social media are simply means of communication. Good communication is not wrong, but our speech is governed by the word of God. To violate any Bible principle concerning the tongue is wrong! We need to remember, *“That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment”* (Mt. 12:36). This applies to social media! We would do well to study everything the Bible has to say about the subject and seriously consider our tongue. There are many sins of the tongue: backbiting, lying, flattery, pride, gossip, profanity, cursing, filthiness, jesting, slander, angry speech, and many more. Study and obey the word of God.

**ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR YOUR OWN GLORY?** *“It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory”* (Prov. 25:27). It is not good to post things seeking praise from men. Honor comes from being honorable; living right. We seek the approval of God, not of men.

**ARE YOU PARTICIPATING**

**IN SIN?** Sin is serious! It is heartbreaking and shameful to look at some of the things people, claiming to be Christians, post, share and like. You don’t have to look very far to find members of the church immodestly dressed with the thigh, breast, and buttocks exposed. Alcohol is used and referred to. Some will forsake the assembling and post about where they were instead of assembling with the saints. They will involve themselves in all kinds of things contrary to the word of God, and then other members of the church will hit “like”, will show approval in comment, will share it, etc. **THIS IS WRONG!** We are to hate and abhor evil, not like it (Ps. 97:10; Prov. 8:13; Rom. 12:9). We are to reprove sin, not approve it (Eph. 5:11). Do not have anything to do with anything contrary to Scripture! Do not post them and do not like or share or approve of them in any way! When we like and show approval, to brethren who are in sin, and we fail to reprove or expose the evil, we strengthen the hands of the wicked and help them and ourselves to hell.

**ARE YOU SETTING WICKED THINGS BEFORE YOUR EYES?** *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me”* (Ps. 101:3). Social media is

filled with wicked things. There is temptation to scroll and flip through content, much of which, is filth. Just don’t do it.

**ARE YOU FULFILLING THE LUST OF THE FLESH OR WALKING IN THE SPIRIT?** *“Walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”* (Gal. 5:16-17). We cannot do whatever we want. There are many fleshly lusts, within human nature, that are contrary to the word of God revealed by the Spirit of God. Pride, seeking praise of men, drawing attention to one’s self, being busy about other men’s business, gossiping, backbiting, slandering, anger, seeking attention, sensual desires, retaliation, lying, selfishness, dissatisfaction and complaining, worldliness rather than spiritualness. It is easy to give in to these things because it is human nature and they are desires. It takes knowledge, self control, and much self discipline, to crucify these and be under the guide and control of the word of God. Do not do what you want or think! Do what the word of God says and will allow you to do.

## WHY SOME CAN'T SEE

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There are some who simply cannot see the light of truth. Why is it some can't see?

**SOME HAVE CLOSED EYES.** It takes open eyes to see. Jesus said, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Mt. 13:15). Will you open your eyes?

**SOME ARE BLIND BY HYPOCRISY.** The Lord stated, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou **blind** Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter; that the outside of them may be clean also" (Mt. 23:25-26). Insincerity keeps some from seeing.

**SOME LACK ADDITIONS**

**TO FAITH.** Teaching about the need to "add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity", Peter penned, "**But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins**" (2 Pet. 1:5-9). Have you added to your faith?

**SOME HAVE BEEN BLINDED BY THE GOD OF THIS WORLD.** Paul wrote the Corinthians, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded** the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:4). Satan is "the prince of this world" (Jn. 12:31). Have you allowed the Devil to blind you?

**SOME ARE IN DARKNESS.** Some can't see because they are in darkness. John wrote about this: "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth,

because that **darkness hath blinded his eyes**" (1 Jn. 2:11).

**SOME AREN'T SPIRITUAL ENOUGH.** It takes a spiritual man to discern the things of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**." Some are just too carnal (Rom. 8:5-9).

**SOME ARE FOLLOWING BLIND LEADERS.** Jesus taught, "Let them alone: they be **blind leaders of the blind**. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Mt. 15:14). If you follow a blind leader, you will end up in the ditch with him!

It ought to be our request, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18). As the two blind men sitting by the way side cried out, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened" (Mt. 20:33). The song, Open My Eyes, That I May See suggests, "Open my eyes, illumine me, Savior divine!" There are none so blind as those who will not see!

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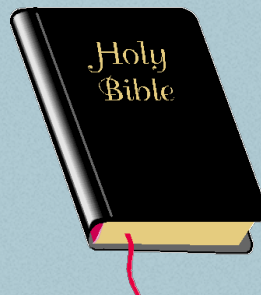
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