



# The Christian and the Internet

Proverbs 4:23-27

# Benefits

- Worldwide Reach



# Worldwide Reach

- News and reports travel much faster than ever before!
- Sending the gospel message of salvation and hope!
- Matthew 28:18-20 Great commission
- Romans 1:16 Power can be downloaded
- Matthew 9:37-38 Easy to be laborer

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- Encouragement



# Encouragement

- Sending/receiving encouragement or prayers
- 1 Thess. 5:11      Comfort and edify
- Hebrews 3:12-13      Exhort one another
- Not a substitute, but an addition

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- Bible Access



# Bible Access

- Free/cheap Bible programs and applications at the tip of our fingers
- 2013 the Bible app was downloaded onto over 1 million devices (ekklesia 360)
- 2 Timothy 2:15-17 Made more accessible
- Proverbs 23:23 The truth can be easily accessed

# Dangers

- Wasted Time





# Wasted Time

- 64% of respondents say they visit non-work-related sites every day during work hours.
- 29% say 2 hours per week, 21% say 5 hours per week, 3% say 10 hours per week.
- Can you ignore a notification during worship?

# Wasted Time

- Matthew 6:33 “Seek first the kingdom...”
- Matthew 22:37-38 “Love God with all...”

# Dangers

- Wasted Time
- Greed, Envy, Jealousy



# Greed, Envy, Jealousy

- Careful of life being lived on social media
- Ephesians 1:3 God has blessed YOU
- Psalms 103:2 Be mindful of His blessings
- 2 Corinthians 10:12 Careful comparisons
  
- Count “YOUR” blessings!

# Dangers

- Wasted Time
- Greed, Envy, Jealousy
- Filthiness



# Filthiness

- Pornography is a \$13 billion industry.
- 28,258 users are watching EVERY SECOND.
- 64% of Christian men and 13% of Christian women say they watch it at least once a month.

# Filthiness

- “According to the national coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, 2010, 47% of families in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their home.”

# Under 18 Video Access



■ 15-18 years old

■ 10-14 years old

■ <10 years old



# Filthiness

- Parents guard your children with devices.
- Children guard yourselves.
- SET RESTRICTIONS!
  - Matthew 5:27-30      Adultery; Cut off  
cause of sin
  - Psalms 101:3      Make this promise
  - Job 31:1      Make this covenant

# Conclusion

- The internet can be used for many good things.
- However, there are many dangers!
- Guard our hearts, minds, and eyes from the evil temptations of the internet.
- While online, stay In-line with God!