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My Message Notes

When online we tend to say things that we might not say in-person. We talk big hidden behind our social media profile and perhaps hundreds or thousands of miles of physical distance. But for the believer, who we are both in-person and online should be the same is we want to look like Jesus. So you'll learn some questions to ask before you post or comment that might help you look more like Jesus and much less like the world - be it virtual or physical.

Have you ever felt like you might need to step in to help a friend who is getting picked on when you might get in a fight in their place?

Have you ever felt that moment online? Probably not. Being online gives us anonymity to speak out when we might not be as willing in-person.

James 5:12 ESV

Do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Two lessons from Social Media:

1. Everybody can find somebody who will agree with them and encourage them regardless of how ridiculous they may be.
2. Even those who are right and honest and even speaks the truth will always have someone who disagrees or is combative.

Proverbs 17:28 ESV

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

Am I stirring the pot or am I soothing the pain?

Am I adding to the hurt or am I offering some help?

When Jesus was QUIET

Matthew 27:11-14 ESV

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" 14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

When Jesus was CONFRONTATIONAL

Matthew 23:1-7, 11-12 ESV

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. 5 "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others... 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

1 Corinthians 13:18-21 ESV

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." 21 So then, no more boasting about human leaders!

Proverbs 27:1-2 ESV

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.

Before you post or comment consider the circumstances. Own your failures with truth and grace and don't try to defend a dumb decision.

There are times when we need to take a stand. But if we want to look like Jesus those times will be infrequent. And they will be focused on hypocrisy, oppression and injustice – not when those are directed at us, but when they are pointed at others.

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NEXT WEEK: Social Faith part 3!

What is God speaking to you about today? add a note



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