

BEING A DISIPLE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

SOLID GROUND – Faith for this Generation and the Next – Part 2

THE SPIRITUAL HAZARDS OF DIGITAL TOOLS

1. I can WASTE my time.

Ephesians 5:15-16 *Be careful how you live. Don't live foolishly. Instead, live as wise people, making every minute count because these are evil times.*

Proverbs 12:11 (TLB) *"Only a fool idles away his time."*

2. I can be SEDUCED by the world's values.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world. But let God transform you into a new person, by changing the way you think.*

1 John 2:15-17 (NCV) *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. 16 These are the ways of the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have. None of these come from the Father, but all of them come from the world. 17 The world and everything that people want in it are passing away, but the person who does what God wants lives forever.*

3. I can be DRAWN INTO unproductive arguments.

Titus 3:9 *Never get involved in foolish controversies, useless arguments, disputes about your personal pedigree, or fights over interpreting God's law. All of these are useless and do not help anyone.*

Proverbs 26:21 *Just as charcoal and wood keep a fire going, a troublemaker keeps an argument going.*

Proverbs 26:4 *Don't answer their foolish arguments, or you will become as foolish as they are.*

Matthew 12:36 (TEV) (Jesus) *"You can be sure that on the Judgment Day, you will have to give an account to God of every careless word you have ever spoken."*

4. I can get ADDICTED to the approval of others.

Galatians 1:10 (Paul) *"Am I trying to win the approval of people or the approval of God?"*

Ecclesiastes 7:21 *Don't pay attention to everything people say.*

5. I can be DISTRACTED from what's most important.

Luke 10:39-42 *Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. 40But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." 41But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."*

HOW CAN I USE MY SMART PHONE FOR GOD'S GLORY?

1. I can use it to EXPRESS my worship.

John 4:23 (NLT) (Jesus) *"True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth."*

Psalms 25 (TLB) *All day long, I put my hope and trust in you.*

2. I can use it to ENCOURAGE fellowship.

Romans 12:10 (NLT) *Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NCV) *Encourage each other and give each other strength.*

3. I can use it to ENHANCE my spiritual growth.

2 Peter 3:18 (MSG) *Grow in spiritual strength, and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Psalms 119:37 (NCV) *Keep me from looking at worthless things and let me live by your word.*

4. I can use it to EXPAND my ministry.

Psalms 116:12 (MSG) *What can I give back to God for all the blessings that He's poured out to me?*

5. I can use it to EXTEND my witness.

2 Corinthians 5:18, 20 (NCV) *Through Christ, God has made peace between us and Himself. And He gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him.*

1 Chronicles 16:24 (NLT) *Publish God's glorious deeds among every nation. Tell everyone about the amazing things He does.*