

Introduction:

- A. We should ask ourselves: “How can we obey the _____ to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength while using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google?”
- B. David Wells is quick to remind us we are only ____ years into this experiment called “The _____ Age” (or “The Information Age”).
- C. Dr. Douglas Groothuis is a Professor of Philosophy at Denver Seminary and he has been tracking the impact of the Internet on the _____ life since he published his book *The Soul in Cyberspace* in 1997.
- D. Dr. Groothuis’ research has discovered the following ways that the internet, cellphones and social media are _____ us.

I. We are Becoming What We _____.

- A. To worship an _____ is to become like an _____; to worship _____ is to become like _____ (Ps. 115:4-8; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18).
- B. This truth has serious implications for what happens to our minds and souls when the things we are beholding are _____ and _____.
- C. Our digital interactions with one another, which are often necessarily _____ and _____, begin to pattern all our relationships.

II. We are Ignoring our _____.

- A. Our finiteness means that we are severely limited in what we can _____, _____, engage with, and _____ about
- B. And if we really own up to our finitude and the fact that a life well lived is a life lived _____ (Ephesians 5:15)

III. We are _____ What Should be _____.

- A. We attempt multitask everything, trying to think in two directions at the same time, trying to be in two places at the same time, trying to live in _____ space and _____ space simultaneously.

IV. We are Forgetting the Joy of _____.

- A. We must truly value the personal, face-to-face _____ in our lives over the disembodied _____ we maintain online.

V. We are Losing Interest in the _____.

- A. This lost joy of embodiment manifests itself as empty _____ on Sunday morning.

VI. We are Growing _____ with Our _____.

- A. W.W.J. _____? - What Would Jesus _____ or _____?
- B. _____ - _____ has reached epidemic proportions in recent times.
- C. Let’s be determined not to email, text, tweet or post anything _____, derogatory, complaining, hurtful, or un-_____ -like.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Great, Commandment. B. 20, Internet. C. spiritual. D. changing. I. Behold. I.A. idol, idol, Christ, Christ. I.B. impure, lustful. I.C. brief, superficial. II. Finiteness. II.A. know, read, care. II.B. carefully. III. Multitasking, Unitasked. III.A. physical, virtual. IV. Embodiment. IV.A. relationships, relationships. V. Gathered, Church. V.A. pews. VI. Careless, words. VI.A. T, Text, Tweet. VI.B. Cyber, Bullying. VI.C. unwholesome, Christ.