CLEAR THE AIR Study Guide

Sermon 7:
"GUIDELINES FOR ENTERTAINMENT, INTERNET, APPS and SOCIAL MEDIA (FB, TWITTER, Instagram, etc.)"

Study Guide Questions:

W📖RD *(A Time for Admonition):*

1. React to this statement: *"We don't have a choice on whether we do social media. The choice is how well we do it."*

2. What does the Bible say about the need of a believer to submit every area of his/her life to the lordship of Christ? What are the general biblical guidelines in 1 Corinthians that can be used for entertainment, internet, apps and social media? Answer the following questions: *Will this activity. . . lead to spiritual bondage (6:12)? Expose my mind or body to defilement (6:19-20)? Benefit others, or cause them to stumble (8:8-9)? Further the cause of the gospel (9:19-23)? Produce spiritual benefit (10:23)? Violate my conscience (10:25-29)? And bring glory to God (10:31)?**

What truth does God want us to believe from His Word as a whole *(Psalm 19:14; Proverbs 10:19; Matthew 12:36, 37; Ephesians 4:15, 29; Colossians 4:6; James 3:5-10; Philippians 4:8)?*

3. What causes people (young and old) to misuse or abuse the use of internet, apps and social media? What are the consequences? How can it be prevented?

How can Christians be responsible in using the technology of social media? What does it take to "think before you click"?

W🚶LK *(A Time for Accountability):*

1. Is there a sin you need to confess to God right now? (addiction to social media, narcissism or self-centeredness, bashing someone online, materialism, etc.)

2. How long have you been using social media and how is it affecting your relationship with God and others, either positively or negatively? How can the group pray for you?

3. How can we pray for our government as it revives the national broadband plan (a project abandoned in 2007 due to allegations of graft connected to the ZTE Broadband deal) aimed at boosting access in the country and increasing internet penetration, especially in far-flung areas?

*John MacArthur, "Christian Liberty and the World of Entertainment," Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong: A Biblical Response to Today's Most Controversial Issues (Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2009), 17-22.