



Digital Hygiene – Week 4

The Opportunity of Technology – Jesse DeYoung

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// Bible References

Romans 5:6; Romans 12:2; Romans 15:20-21 2 Corinthians 11:24-47; Matthew 5:29-30;

// Message Summary

Pastor Jesse DeYoung discussed 2 examples of innovative processes that changed the culture. In the case of the Roman roads, it allowed the Roman Empire to move troops more quickly across the empire to maintain control. As Jesse pointed out, it also allowed Paul to reach more places more quickly to spread the gospel. In the example of the printing press, it allowed people who had never seen scripture to have their own copy of the Bible and not be dependent on once-a-week readings. We are now living in “The Internet Age”. Jesse pointed out that there are three components of taking advantage of technology to spread the gospel.

Courageous Sacrifice: The Apostle Paul listed the times where he sacrificed greatly to further the gospel. Jesus said that it is better to lose a part of your body than to have that part of the body lead you astray. These two teaching together launched us into the changes and sacrifices we will need to make so that the internet does not conquer us.

Spiritual Formation: This is occurring daily whether we want it to or not. Some things we can control are the content and the amount. This transitioned into the Grow Your Faith challenge.

Sharing the Good News: We are all called to share the good news with others. Engaging the internet to help accomplish this seems difficult. Flatirons IT staff have created a process that will make this easier: Share Your Story Challenge.

To use this opportunity of technology and get the details of the 3 challenges (you only need to tackle one) visit

<https://www.flatironschurch.com/article/digital-hygiene-challenge/>

// Community Questions

1. What would you say is an invention that is most helpful for today or is the “best thing since sliced Bread”? [Wonder Bread; 1930’s; Continental Baking Company]
2. Discuss an invention that seemed good at the time but ended up being not so good. [TNT – invented by Nobel to build roads and tunnels – used to kill humans]

// Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-27. Have you ever had an event like one of Paul’s listed in these verses? Why not? What are our (Flatirons attendee’s) biggest obstacles for sacrificing for the cause of Christ? For Christians around the world?
2. An old coffee cup/bumper sticker saying was “If Satan can’t make you bad, he’ll make you busy.” What similarities do being bad and being busy have? How does this tie into technology?
3. Jesse said spiritual formation occurs daily “whether we like it or not”. How can we balance technology so that the formation that is taking place helps us be more like Jesus than it does to bring about conforming to the world?
How does Romans 12:2 suggest we balance this out?
What are some of the resources Jesse suggested to help us out with this?
4. Why do people pay attention to the 5-star rating system and the ratings/reviews that Amazon has attached to each product? (It does tie in....answer this and then go to Q5)
5. Because we are a relational society, we want to know how the product has had a positive or negative impact on the user. We want to know if it is real and does what it says it will do based on others experience with it. How might this apply to the “Share Your Story” challenge?

// Challenge

Jesse has challenged us in these three areas:

Courageous Sacrifice

Spiritual Formation

Sharing the Good News

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Report next week on the impact the challenge had on you.