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A POTENTIAL WORLD-WIDE EVIL



Almost everyone in today's world owns a computer. Those who use a computer very likely also use the Internet. This technological advancement has affected our human existence as none other. We can send greeting cards, pictures, letters and other information all over the world with a click of a button. We can find lost people and we can purchase virtually anything with a few clicks. We have at our finger-tips one of the most powerful and far-reaching tools available to mankind.

With this technology, many great opportunities have been opened to teach and edify people all over the world. Many congregations now have web sites offering correspondence courses, audio and video sermons, teaching articles, Bible study helps and many other profitable things. Here at Skyview, we have had several visitors as a result of our web site. We can accomplish great things through the Internet and do a great amount of good. We can teach the gospel around the globe and conduct follow-ups with local people who are seeking truth. Never before have such opportunities been available.

But as with every good thing, there are potential dangers. In fact, the Internet has the potential to be a world-wide evil. In spite of the good that can be accomplished, the Internet can hurl people into a world of darkness and wickedness. There are dangers lurking and the devil is using this tool to promote his work of damning the souls of men and women. The World Wide Web can be a pitfall for Christians in several ways.

One of the most potential pitfalls of the Internet is that it can rob of us valuable time. How many times have we sat down simply to check our Email or the latest weather forecast or get an update on some sports event only to find something else of interest and before we know it we have spent forty-five minutes to an hour. Multiply this by two or three times a day or night, six or seven days a week, and before we realize it, we have clicked away an entire workday. We didn't intent to spend this much time, but we get caught up in the moment and time passes without our being aware of it. Consequently, the Internet can become addictive. We can't get through the day without signing-on to the Web. Anything that is addictive is wrong. Paul said, "all things are lawful, but I will not be mastered by anything" (1 Corinthians 6:12).

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY

*Worship.....9:30 A.M.
Classes.....10:50 A.M.
Worship.....6:00 P.M.*

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FOR THE RECORD

June 8, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning 163
Sunday Evening
Wednesday Evening

In addition to robbing us of valuable time and becoming an addiction, the Internet can also entice us to sin. Someone has described the Internet as "The Sinternet." This probably is an accurate definition in many situations.

One of the latest polls points out that as many as twenty million adults visit cybersex sites each month. There are sites dedicated to arranging dates for sexual purposes. Many people use the Internet to meet sexual partners. Prostitutes have been able to "get off the streets," and arrange to meet prospects through cybersex sites. Many perverts use the Internet to meet and take advantage of young boys and girls. These Cyberstalkers search for unsuspecting children in chat rooms, pornography sites and by sending out e-mails. Husbands and wives have abundant opportunities for marital infidelity by going to these sites. Even some sites like "Craigslist" offer opportunities for people to meet and indulge in all kinds of immoral sexual behavior. "MySpace" is another such site on which sexual stalkers allure children and teens into participating with them in their warped fantasies.

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Our children need to be supervised in their use of the Internet. We need to teach them the dangers and use parental filters and blocks to prevent their access to these sites.

To be sure, the devil is going to use everything possible to damn our souls. Peter warns that "our enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). We are also warned to use care "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes" (2 Corinthians 2:11). Ephesians 6:11 instructs us to put on the full armor of God so we can stand against the devils schemes. We simply cannot minimize the dangers of the Internet. We must be alert and guard ourselves and our children against these evil schemes that the devil will try to use against us.

On a positive note, as we suggested earlier, the Internet can be a very powerful evangelistic tool. There are many web sites published by faithful brethren which offer a great variety of opportunities to study the Bible. There are on-line Bible studies that can lead a person to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are sites that contain study helps, commentaries and other helpful material that can assist us in our growth as a Christian. We can listen to sermons and lessons that are taught by faithful brethren. Some sites offer video reproduction of sermons and lessons taught during the worship assembly. There are some exciting opportunities that are made available by using the world wide web.

As part of our evangelistic outreach here at skyview, we can invite people to visit our web site at skyviewchurch.org. We can use this as a powerful and effective means of reaching people who are lost and those who are Christians can be spiritual enriched. But let us not minimize the dangers lurking on the Internet. We need to be informed of the dangers and insist that our families use it safely.



**Adult—auditorium
class
1 Corinthians
Taught by
Charles Murray
Room # 4
The Prophets
Taught by
Jarred Shaw**

GOSPEL MEETINGS

FALL 2008

With Bob Owen

HILLBILLY'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

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| 1. Just one God | 6. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal |
| 2. Honor yer Ma & Pa | 7. No killin' |
| 3. No tellin' tales or gossipin' | 8. Watch yer mouth |
| 4. Git yourself to Sunday meetin' | 9. Don't take what ain't yours |
| 5. Put nothing' before God | 10. Don't be hankerin' for your buddy's stuff |

Now that's kinda plain an' simple, don't ya think?

(Sent in by Dean Ritchinson)