

# Culture Shock

## Week 8 - Sunday

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October 24, 2021

**Proverbs 17:27**, *The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered. 28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.*

**Matthew 10:16**, *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*

## The Christian and Social Media

### One Truth About Social Media:

- **Social Media Is Not GOING AWAY**

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### Two Limitations of Social Media:

- **Social Media Relationships Are Not REAL RELATIONSHIPS**

**Proverbs 4:25**, *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.*

- **Social Media Cannot Make Your RELATIONSHIPS BETTER**

**1 Corinthians 13:4**, *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails...*

### Three Ways Social Media Can Hurt You:

- **Causes You to Covet and COMPARE**

**1 Corinthians 10:23**, *“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive.*

- **Consumes Your Valuable TIME**

**Psalm 90:12**, *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

- **Changes What You VALUE**

**Proverbs 4:23**, *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

## **Four Strategies For Keeping Social Media in Check:**

- **AUDIT Your Social Media Diet**

**Proverbs 18:2**, *Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.*

- **IMPROVE Your Offline to Online Relationship Ratio**

**2 John 12**, *I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.*

- **PAUSE Before You Publish**

**Ephesians 4:29**, *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

- **HONOR God with Every Post**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**, *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*