

BEING A DIGITAL DISCIPLE

This week is safer internet week and the theme for 2024 is:

Inspiring change: Making a difference.

Take a moment in silence to think about people who have used their social media to make a positive difference to the world around them. Do you use your social media to inspire change and make a difference?

WORD OF THE WEEK

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

My friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable. Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions.

And the God who gives us peace will be with you.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for the amazing advances in technology in recent years and the wonderful things that the internet brings. Help us to be kind online and to have the courage to speak out against unkindness if we ever need to. Help us to work towards creating a truly inclusive internet, where everyone can be themselves but be safe whilst doing it.

Help us to use our online presence to share your Good News and create an online world which speaks the truth and for what is right. We ask, Lord, that you help us to use our online presence wisely, to boarder our minds and not to harm others.

Amen.

CHRIST HAS NO ONLINE PRESENCE BUT YOURS

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YOURS ARE THE TWEETS THROUGH WHICH LOVE TOUCHES THIS WORLD.
YOURS ARE THE POSTS THROUGH WHICH THE GOSPEL IS SHARED.
YOURS ARE THE UPDATES THROUGH WHICH HOPE IS REVEALED.
CHRIST HAS NO ONLINE PRESENCE BUT YOURS, NO INSTA, NO TIK TOK BUT YOURS."



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DARE2SHARE

THE FIRST DISCIPLES SHARED THE GOSPEL BY TREATING OTHER WITH RESPECT, KINDNESS, COMPASSION AND MERCY. WE TOO ARE ALL CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS BY DOING THE SAME. BUT UNLIKE THE FIRST DISCIPLES WE HAVE A NEW WORLD IN WHICH WE CAN SHARE THESE MESSAGES. OUR ONLINE WORLD IS NOT ALWAYS FULL OF KINDNESS, COMPASSION AND MERCY BUT AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ONLINE AND IN PERSON TOO.

HOW COULD YOU USE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?
ARE YOU ALWAYS KIND, COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL ONLINE?

THIS WEEK WE DARE YOU TO SHARE SOMETHING POSITIVE AND GOOD ONLINE USING
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ONLINE CHECKLIST FOR CHRISTIANS

Take a moment to reflect on and pray about the following questions:

- AM I REFLECTING CHRIST IN ME, EVERY TIME I INTERACT ON SOCIAL MEDIA?
- AM I ADDRESSING HATE WITH LOVE, ANGER WITH PEACE, HURT WITH COMPASSION?
- WHEN I AM ONLINE, AM I MAKING WISE CHOICES THAT HONOUR GOD?
- AM I MANAGING MY SCREEN TIME PRODUCTIVELY?
- AM I DISCERNING WHAT IS AND ISN'T TRUE WITH EVERYTHING I SEE AND READ?
- IF I SEE ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE OR ILLEGAL, AM I ACTING RESPONSIBLY?

