

ENTICED to DANGER

“For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.” (Prov. 7:26)

Though the Scripture indicates that the _____ are seducible, some would insist otherwise:

- * Perhaps they rely heavily on their _____ (Prov. 2.17).
- * Perhaps they rely on the _____ of their abilities (Prov. 7.26).
- * Perhaps they believe that they will be the _____ to the rule (Prov. 6.27).
- * Perhaps they believe that they would _____ engage... (I Cor. 10.12).

The reality is, that we are most in the _____ of destruction (Prov. 6.18-19), when we are _____ that we are safe (I Cor. 10.12).

With regard to digital technology, there are several areas with which, we MUST be aware of danger. Last week, we focused on the perils of the internet. This week, we will focus on _____ with a emphasis on what is said and interacted with.

Social media sites are some of the _____ visited sites on the internet. They are often interacted through _____ device apps. Some of the most popular social media apps are: Facebook (Meta), YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X (Twitter) Pinterest, Reddit, and LinkedIn. Some internet _____ allow for player interaction and should be considered social media at some level. It should be noted that users can interact with these sites differently. Some of the following perils will at times be directed more toward one than the other.

- 1) **The Peril of Dangerous _____**— These words stop at nothing to criticize, _____, and _____. It is said, “Sticks and stones may brake my bones, but words can never hurt me.” This is an interesting rhyme, but it is not _____. Many a _____ rumor or lie has been the ruination of someone. *Death and Life are in the power of the tongue* (Prov. 18.21).
- 2) **The Peril of _____**— Those that seek to _____ the child/youth/adult through _____ and _____ and ensnare them to illicit activity. Social media is not home to only innocent children. There are those that seek to _____ the heart of a curious child and seek to lure them into

destruction (Prov. 7.13; 30.19,20). There was a time when children were instructed to not talk to strangers. Yet, on the social media sites every one is a _____ or _____.

- 3) **The Peril of _____**— It is a foolish thing to compare oneself to another (II Cor. 10.12). Yet, in the realm of social media comparisons can take a front row seat. This is especially true of some of the social media influencers and commentors that constantly tell you what you _____ to have or what you shouldn't have in order to be _____ (accepted).
- 4) **The Peril of Personal _____ with Self** (Body Image) - Recent polling from the UK of over 5,500 people conveyed that 73% of _____ where impacted (from disgust to shame). Of the same adult sample, 13% felt so hopeless that they considered suicide. While 68% of teenagers were impacted. Those immersed into the social media world become trapped into a myopic point of view that _____ them from experiencing some of the _____ of life. (Prov. 4.23, Psa. 16.11).
- 5) **The Perils of Online _____** (Challenges) - While dares are common among the youth, the unsupervised perils of the social media challenges have brought _____ and _____ to some youth. These challenges include the following: the Benadryl challenge, Blackout challenge, Deodorant challenge, etc. Once again, to those immersed in social media it seems “everyone” is engaging in these _____ of dangerous foolishness. (Prov. 1.10,15).
- 6) **The Perils of _____**— It is true that many go to certain social media sites for information direction— YouTube, Reddit. However, there _____ and will _____ to be an unfiltered, ungovernable stream of _____ from the internet/social media. This includes such areas as evolution, _____, science, and _____. If you think that at times you don't know what to believe, imagine the trouble this causes for youth—that already know everything (Prov. 3.5, 4.7).
- 7) **Perils of _____**— In extreme cases, the overall health of some is compromised. Be that from a challenge, _____, dieting, mental anguish, or _____. The prolonged unfiltered influence of social media can have a devastating impact on those that are enticed by it (Prov. 2.20-22).

Only dedication to the proven principles of the Word of God can give _____ of days, and long life and _____. The simple must _____ forsake mercy and truth (Prov. 3.2-4)