

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class 5:00 P.M.
 Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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**How Social Media Posts Can
 Signal Spiritual Problems (Part 2)**

by Doy Moyer

Note: Space did not permit us to run the full article last week, so here is the conclusion. We're repeating a portion of the introduction just to reorient us to the subject, then covering some areas not included in part 1.

Unfortunately, the use of social media can signal many spiritual problems, even for the child of God who believes in holy conduct. The following areas, for example, can reveal much about our spiritual condition:

The pages, photos, and statuses we like. What we like shows up for others to see, and it tells people (get ready), "I like this." Now maybe you don't mean it that way. But these "like" buttons can be problematic if we aren't care-

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ful. If it shows up on others' walls that you like something that is inappropriate, then you need to asking yourself what you really wish for others to see about who you are.

At this point, we might expect for some to say something to the effect that what they do on social media is nobody else's business, and that we shouldn't be judging anyone. Mirroring the "don't judge me" mentality of the world, Christians can fall into the trap of thinking that what they do is not open for anyone else to make any judgments about. Unfortunately, that's naive. When we engage in online public activities, we'll be judged by the same. If we don't want to be judged by others online, then we shouldn't be showing our hand (or more sensitive things) to the world.

We aren't so much talking about those times here or there where we know we messed up, though these moments, too, can be an issue. Surely we've all had discussions we are embarrassed about or posts we should have never shared. I'm as guilty as the next guy. We are talking more about continuing patterns that begin to emerge as we post, like, comment, and share. We cannot afford to disconnect our online world from the reality of who we are supposed to be as Christians. This would be like the apostles disconnecting their writings from who they were in person. What they wrote was as much a part of their influence as what they said and did in person. Today, we are on a

worldwide platform with social media where what we say and how we say it is out there for the world to see. What we show and how much we show matters. If we don't like that, then we have the option of not using it.

We don't have to post anything on social media sites, but if we do, know that it says something about who we are and what we think—just like anything else we do. It's out there on display for others to see and judge. This is the reality before us, and we need to understand our need to glorify God here as much as anywhere. It is the Lord Christ whom we serve, and if we aren't using social media to serve Christ—that is, it is merely a selfish outlet for a narcissistic world—then it's time to repent and figure out where our loyalties lay.

Posting good content does not necessarily mean we are righteous, but posting bad or questionable content does certainly show a spiritual problem. Let's recommit ourselves to using all of our opportunities, whether in person or in social media outlets, to glorify God and share Christ with a broken world.



Today, we welcome **Phil Arnold**, and his wife, **Amy**. We look forward to getting to know them better, and to this opportunity to grow in God's word.