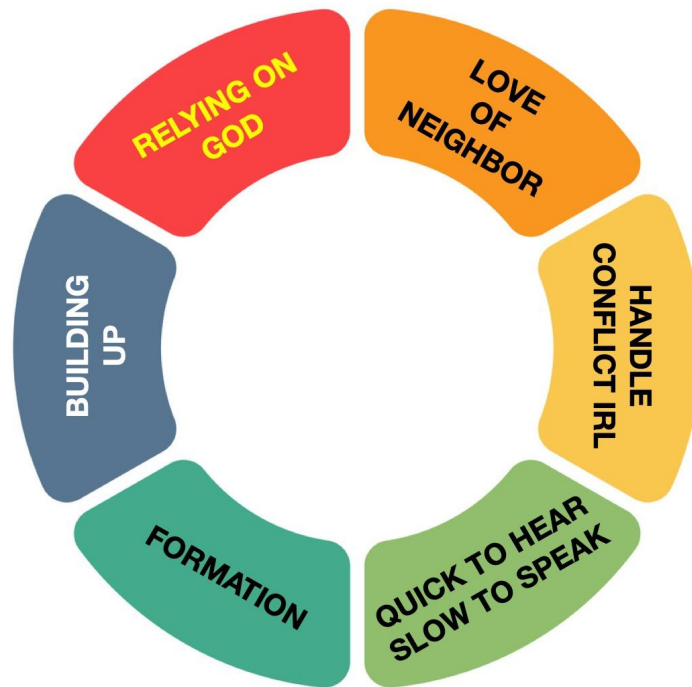


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Key Points: *Social media is a powerful tool available to every person to communicate powerfully into the minds of many. It allows Christians to demonstrate and speak the love of Christ - even in such a limited context. We must be aware of how we are influenced, and how we influence, because humans are easily conformed. A key limitation is that social media only allows a tiny amount of information compared to an in-person (“in-real-life” IRL) conversation – like the weight of a paperclip vs the weight of a skyscraper. Therefore we need to pay special care to how we disagree and rebuke. We need God’s help for this work - and he promises to be with us wherever we go!*

Scripture	How do I apply God’s Word to my personal use of Social Media?
<p>2 Timothy 2:23-26 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.</p>	
<p>Colossians 4:5-6 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.</p>	
<p>Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.</p>	
<p>James 1:19-21 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.</p>	

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DEPENDENCE ON GOD	Am I asking and relying on God to work through me in Social Media? James 1:5-6; Ephesians 6:19
NEIGHBOR LOVE	How can I bring the love of Christ to people who will see what I post? Colossians 4:5-6
CONFLICT	When I disagree with someone, can I connect personally with someone I disagree with to help bring them to repentance? If this is not dangerous to their soul, do I need to disagree? 2 Tim 2:23-26
QUICK & SLOW	Am I listening carefully to what's being said? Before I post, should I take some time and wait before saying this? James 1:19-21
FORMATION	If I'm looking at a post online: What is this teaching me or modeling for me? Romans 12:2 For the post I'm creating: What are my words and example teaching others?
BUILDING UP	Will my post build up everyone who sees it? Will it help to fill a need? Ephesians 4:29