



# The Facebook Mask

- The technology makes it easier
- Can be used for good or bad
  - Good communication tool
  - Great for sharing photos
- There is a lot of good Christian content
  - Daily Bible teaching
  - BCF uses Facebook
- Presenting different “faces”





# Problems

- Increasing use of mobiles mean people treat it like texting
  - Does anybody else need to know this?
  - Possible effect of others reading and responding
- Public slanging matches
- Boasting and exaggeration
- Bringing church into disrepute





# Problems

- Addiction
  - Games
- Time theft
  - Lifestyle
- Careless talk
- Jobs
- Relationships
- Scams





# What does the Bible say?

## Proverbs 10:18-21

Liars secretly hoard hatred;  
fools openly spread slander.

The more talk, the less truth;  
the wise measure their words.

The speech of a good person is worth waiting for;  
the blabber of the wicked is worthless.

The talk of a good person is rich fare for many,  
but chatterboxes die of an empty heart.





# What does the Bible say?

## Ephesians 4:29

Don't use bad language. Say only what is good and helpful to those you are talking to, and what will give them a blessing.

## Eph 5:4

Dirty stories, foul talk, and coarse jokes-these are not for you. Instead, remind each other of God's goodness, and be thankful.





# What does the Bible say?

## Colossians 3:8-10

...but now is the time to cast off and throw away all these rotten garments of anger, hatred, cursing, and dirty language. Don't tell lies to each other; it was your old life with all its wickedness that did that sort of thing; now it is dead and gone. You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you.





# What does the Bible say?

## Matthew 15:11

What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'

## Jeremiah 9:23-24

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.





# Careless Talk ...

“We’re going on holiday”

Please come and burgle us!

Privacy settings

The “Twitter joke trial”

- “Xxxx! Robin Hood airport is closed. You've got a week and a bit to get your xxxx together otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high!!”
- Criminal conviction and £3,000 fine
- High profile online campaign







# Careless talk ...

Birmingham councillor tweeted:

- “Can someone please stone Yasmin Alibhai-Brown to death? I shan't tell Amnesty if you don't. It would be a blessing, really.”
  - Following a Radio 5 interview
  - Subsequently arrested
  - Claimed it was a glib comment and apologised





# Criticising boss/job

- “I hate my job ... the boss is a xxxx and always making me do xxxx”
  - “...I’ll pop your P45 in the post and you can come in and collect your stuff. And yes, I’m serious.”
- A prison guard bragged on Facebook about smashing an inmate's face to the ground. Soon after, two more guards jumped in to voice their support.
  - All three guards lost their jobs.





# Relationships

## “Top 10 Faux Pas”

- 10: Changing Your Relationship Status Too Soon
- 9: Not Changing Your Relationship Status at All
- 8: Hovering at Your Partner's Wall
- 7: Posting Too Many or Too Embarrassing Photos of Your Partner
- 6: Posting Too Much Information About Your Dates
- 5: Latching on to Your Partner's Friends
- 4: Soliciting All Your Friends to Befriend Your Partner
- 3: Being Suspicious of Your Partner's Friends
- 2: Posting Your Partner's Personal Secrets
- 1: Lying About the Relationship





# “OMG!” Scams

- *OMG! This Girl Killed Herself After Her DAD Posted THIS Status Update on Her Wall!*
- *OMG! Look What this Kid did to his School after being Expelled!*
- *OMG! This GUY got STABBED because he wrote this on the Internet!*
- *OMG! I can't believe this actually works! Now you really can see who viewed your profile!*
- *OMG! Guys, you have to see this: This mother went to jail for taking this pic of her son!*





# “OMG!” Scams

- All pray on morbid curiosity
- Permission given for rogue application to access personal information and post messages
- Trick people into doing surveys that earn money for criminals
- All friends get invited to do the same





# What's happening?

