



# Social Media And The Christian



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## DESIGNED ADDICTION

- Newsfeeds and videos never end
- Notices appeal to our need for approval
- Numerous choices per page or window
- Push notifications constantly remind us
- The appeal to outrage is constant



# Are You an Addict?

- ✓ Panic without it
- ✓ Phantom pulses
- ✓ Checking it late at night
- ✓ You're on it while eating with others
- ✓ Text neck
- ✓ Texting/surfing while driving
- ✓ Someone has talked to you about it



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**Matthew 6:19-21 (p 1117)**

**Where is the heart?**

**Luke 8:4-15 (p 1190)**

**Four types of hearts**

**You have ONE of those hearts**

**Your CHILDREN will develop a heart**





# DAILY USAGE

- **Anxiety**
- **Mood swings**
- **Isolation**
- **Inability to talk with others**
- **Lower attention span**
- **Narcissism**
- **NOMOPHOBIA**



# Police See Social Media Fuel Crime

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CHICAGO—Rukiya Winston, a 16-year-old 10th-grader in one of this city's most violent South Side neighborhoods, has sworn off social media.

She is disconnecting from what she sees as a major part of the culture of violence around her.

"It takes things to a whole new level. You see people get into it with someone [on Facebook] and the next day they are beaten up or shot," Ms. Winston said. "It is just too much."

Facebook and other platforms have emerged as fresh challenges in the fight against violent crime that continues to grip major cities.

In Chicago—which is on track to have more than 600 murders for the second year in a row, a number it had been below for more than a decade before that—community leaders and police say the immediacy of these platforms has played a major role in escalating violence.

ing a rise in the number of "petty conflicts that have leapt from social-media platforms to violent crimes on the street." A Wall Street Journal tally found at least 100 cases nationally where an act of violence was streamed on just one of these platforms, Facebook Live, since it was launched in early 2016.

"Unfortunately, in too many instances, these conflicts are resolved with a gun," said a Chicago police spokesman.

Prosecutors and law-enforcement agencies in other cities, including Dallas and Wilmington, Del., say social media mirrors and contributes to gang-related behavior on their streets, too. Police in Dallas this year attributed a string of drive-by shootings to incidents in which one gang challenged another and posted their location on Facebook or Instagram, prompting an act of violence.

Tatyanna Lewis, an 18-year-old from Chicago, was in a running Facebook feud over a man with Chynna Stapleton, 24, in mid-May, when Ms. Sta-



Lt. Laura West leading a discussion about anticrime technology at the Chicago Police Department District 14.

## Killings Are Sparked By Drill Rap Videos

In Chicago, violence on the South Side has, in part, been fueled by the proliferation of drill rap videos on YouTube, defined by dark, grim and nihilistic lyrics that sometimes insult a rival gang and its members.

world, and within the course of three or four months, they ended up dead," said Donnell Williams, who works with middle-school youth at the Sunshine Gospel Ministries.

A Chicago police spokeswoman said it didn't have any information that linked the videos to the killings of Mr. Rhyme and Mr. Barry, and that no arrests have been made.

retaliatory shooting.

Steve Gates, Chicago program director for the Youth Advocate Program, a nonprofit that works with at-risk youth, said many young men he works with turn to rap videos to overcome the hopelessness they feel in their lives, faced with few job prospects and blight in their neighborhoods.

"They go extra hard on projecting this image, and showing



**“So your kids must love the iPad?” The company’s first tablet was just hitting the shelves. “**They haven’t used it,**” he told me. “**We limit how much technology our kids use at home.**” (Article by Nick Bilton; NYTimes Sep 10, 2014)**





**“Every evening Steve made a point of having dinner at the big long table in their kitchen, discussing books and history and a variety of things,” he said. “No one ever pulled out an iPad or computer. **The kids did not seem addicted at all to devices.**” (Walter Isaacson, author of “Steve Jobs”)**

**Proverbs 23:29-35 (p 752)**

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (p 1347)**

**Deuteronomy 6 (p 209)**

disconnect to  
reconnect



# WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE?

## Age

**0-18 months**

**18 months to 3**

**3-5 yrs**

**6 and up**

## Screen Time

**Zero**

**20-30 min.**

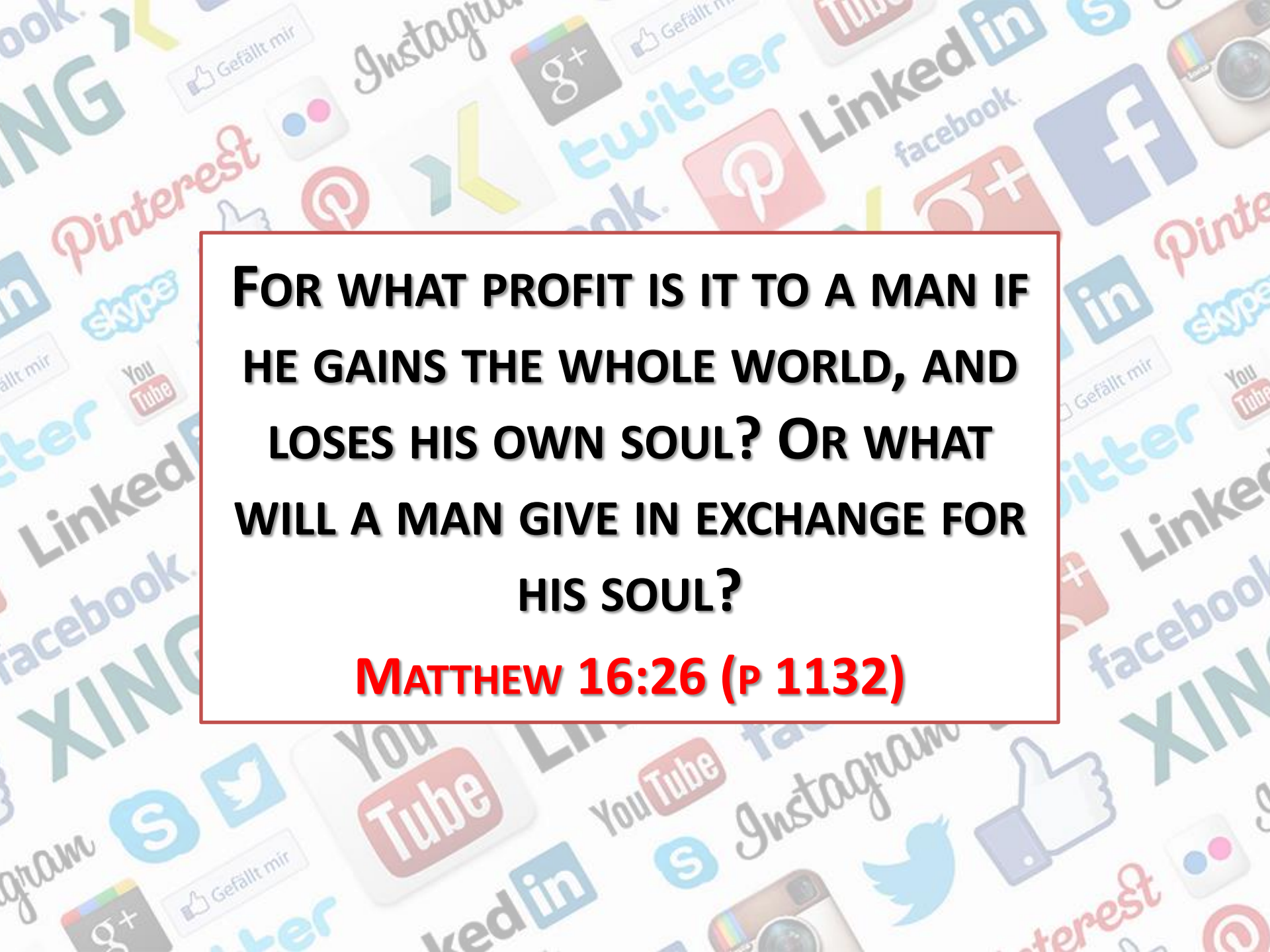
**1 hour max**

**Limited**



- No screens in bedrooms
- No screens at dinner tables
- No screens before 1 hour of play/exercise
- Parents **MUST BE** good role models

*(American Academy of Pediatrics – 2016)*



**FOR WHAT PROFIT IS IT TO A MAN IF  
HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD, AND  
LOSES HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT  
WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR  
HIS SOUL?**

**MATTHEW 16:26 (P 1132)**

**IF YOUR RIGHT EYE CAUSES YOU TO  
SIN, PLUCK IT OUT AND CAST IT FROM  
YOU; FOR IT IS MORE PROFITABLE FOR  
YOU THAT ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS  
PERISH, THAN FOR YOUR WHOLE  
BODY TO BE CAST INTO HELL.**

**MATTHEW 5:29 (P 1115)**

look like  
**light**

taste like  
**SALT**

- matthew 5

