

Principled Use of Technology Agreement



The leadership team is alarmed at the tragic consequences that social networking, texting, mobile device applications, internet, computer gaming, and other forms of social media and instant communication are having on our generation. We recognize that we are part of a generation driven by insecurity, egotism, pleasure, fantasy, rights, and impulse. Today's social media technology has become the platform where these issues have found identity, reinforcement, and camaraderie.

While we recognize that today's technology is simply a tool that can be used for evil or for good, we are not ignorant of the enemy's ploy to strategize our defeat. Millions of individuals in our generation are living demonstrations of the tragic consequences of failing to understand the potential dangers of today's technology. Thus, through worthy intentions or mere ignorance, many have often been lured to disaster.

Because instant communication and social media are known culprits destroying our unwary generation, we recognize the grave responsibility to walk circumspectly within protective boundaries and spiritual accountability. We identify with the words of the Apostle Paul, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (1 Corinthians 6:12).

Herein I Stand

Today I am joining your call to visibility and accountability in the use of technology. I understand that technology is a great tool to use for the purpose of advancing the gospel. However, I refuse to allow this helpful social device to become a harmful satanic device to undermine my personal integrity. I recognize my human vulnerabilities, and am committed to guarding this area of my life at any cost. I resolve to be transparent when using Internet or social media devices, avoiding secrecy at all times. I will reinforce my accountability to those closest to me, whether my spouse, employer, pastor, director, or friend.

Name:

Signature:

Date:



Personal Daily Assessment

- How often do I get distracted from responsibilities by the compulsion to check email, send/read a text, or check the latest sports stats/political polls/news clips via a mobile app?
- How much money could I put toward my other financial expenses in my life by reducing or eliminating bonus conveniences on my monthly phone plan?
- How are my technology devices enabling or distracting my ministry focus?
- Is my use of technology a stumbling block to other believers?
- Am I quick to spend free time surfing the internet, texting friends, or updating my social profile?
- Do I make it a priority to always be in public view whenever I use the internet on a computer or mobile device?
- Have I entrusted an accountability partner with the security password necessary to access internet or internet-based applications on my computer or mobile device?
- Do I carbon copy an accountability partner on all text/emails to the opposite gender when necessity demands such communication?
- How could I improve the quality of my friendships by replacing texting with personal phone calls and face-to-face communication?
- Is the driving motivation in my use of technology to promote my self image in the eyes of my peers?
- Do new technology releases make me very discontent with what I have, and create an impulsive drive to make unwise purchases to maintain my image before my peers?
- Is the activity I am involved in on the internet during work hours or lunch time going to benefit my job, skills, or knowledge for my effectiveness in the Lord's work?