



IF JESUS WAS ON FACEBOOK

If Jesus had a Facebook,
the same as you and me,
what kind of things would He promote
for all of us to see?

Would it be 'warm and fuzzy'
to make us feel so-o-o good?
Or would He want more substance
to help us live as Christians should?

If Jesus had a Facebook
the same as you and me,
what kind of shares would He re-post?
What would His values be?

Would it be cartoons, oh so funny
suggestive, yes, but so much fun?
Would it be x-rated or bathroom humor
that would see 'His Kingdom' come?

If Jesus had a Facebook
the same as you and me,
What kind of thoughts would get His 'Like'?
What words would His approval see?

Would it be words of wit and wisdom
from sources random, false and true,
Or thoughts whose source was wholly godly,
No compromise, nor mingling truth.

If Jesus had a Facebook
much like you and me,
and if He looked at my homepage,
would He 'like' all that He'd see?

Or would He shake His head so sadly
while moving from post to post?
Would He smile, or weep, or angry grow
when He reads what I 'like' most?

Would He check out all my sources
for 'angels' of deceit,
Promoting thoughts that sound quite right
but bring bondage and defeat?

If Jesus read your Facebook
what would His reactions be?
"Well done , my faithful servant
for true representations of me?"

Or would He turn away His head,
hiding His face from us to see,
"Your posts do Me no honor
they disrespect and misrepresent Me'.

Since Jesus has no Facebook
for all the world to read,
Each one of us who bares His Name
Must truly make time to heed.

Do all my posts truly honor Him
all my 'likes' His glory reveal?
Do my re-posts link back to Him
and to no other Lordship kneel?

Since Jesus HAS a facebook,
that's seen in you and me
and every one who bares His Name,
a witness true must be!

In Matthew 12:36, Jesus said,

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak (or post - added by inference), they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”

Ever thought about the verse above when cruising around fb (or any of the other multitude of social media), posting every other thing you see? Could the added thought be included without stretching the intent? It doesn't seem like stretching it to me. For a long time I have been concerned about not only the type of content 'Christians' post, but also the deluge of miscellaneous nonsense that also goes round and round. For sure, if we are Christian, the content on our fb should reflect that. (Silence is tantamount to denying Him, in my books.) I certainly do not believe in hiding Who we believe in, but could we sometimes be using His name in vain with all the, 'type amen and a blessing will be yours' kind of posts? This sounds more like witchcraft than God to me. God is Sovereign and will bless those He chooses to bless and those who bless others. Whoever said we could use His Holy Name and attach it to whatever prayer or quote or song and prescribe what He must do for those who obediently, or greedily, or naïvely type, 'amen' in the comment section? I will leave it there for you to ponder.

Now, what about discernment? Does it play a part when we are on fb or is it just a free-for-all of flinging out as many posts as we can find. Do you truly ascertain the spirit behind the sites you browse and re-post from. If you are hoping that your fb page will encourage someone or lift them up or move them towards Christ's solutions for the issues in their lives, discerning the spirits really is absolutely necessary. Too tired to do the work of looking, listening and discerning? No problem - just don't post anything until you are certain.

There are so many things one could pick on, but I hope never to see a list of what is 'ok' to post and what is not. Rather, I would like to challenge myself, and my friends to do this. When you see something that speaks to you, by all means post it for others to benefit from as well. And then add a real note about why it is special to you at this moment in your life. Then, we can all share with you our growing points, and we can rejoice together.

If you're not certain about something, ask yourself, "Would Jesus post this?" Still not sure? He gave us a list of what He would approve. You can find it in *Philippians 4:8* "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

