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(#174) The Proverbs of Solomon 25:17- Twitter This

Proverbs 25:17:

Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, lest he become weary of you and hate you.

If there ever was a cautionary warning about "social media," this is it! It is possible to "wear out our welcome." Facebook fans, beware. Not everyone wants to read about what your husband will have for supper, or how many messy diapers your baby has had, or how many trips you make to the store, or where you plan to grill food for company, or everything your children accomplish. The most tiresome invitation used to include, "and we have slides of our family," but now it seems to be "friend me on Facebook!" There are many who "unfriend" those who seem to "think" with Facebook, Twitter, or on other social media.

Enough is enough.

Social media seems to have cultivated a climate that was condemned by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul:

And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some have already turned aside after Satan. (**1 Timothy 5:13-15**)

The responsibilities of home and family should be enough to keep one busy, and avoid being "gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not." With our constant, instant communication devices, people have forgotten the self-limiting barriers that should protect our privacy. It seems that "Generation N" (Narcissists) thinks everyone should be interested in everything going on in their lives without ever asking for that information!

The communication today is wonderful when used properly, but remember "too much familiarity breeds contempt." Try talking to God, He does not get tired: "pray without ceasing" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**).

