

**HELPING MY KIDS IN A DIGITAL AGE, Part 1**  
**Sermon Series: I Am The Church**  
**Sermon Outline**  
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**Six Spiritual Hazards Everyone Faces With Digital Devices**

1. I can \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ on a digital device.

- \_\_\_\_\_ management is really \_\_\_\_\_ management.

† *Ephesians 5:15-16*, "Be careful how you live. Don't live foolishly. <sup>16</sup>Instead, live as wise people, making every minute count because these are evil times" (PAR).

- The Greek New Testament word used here as "careful" is [ἀκριβῶς; akribōs]. This word means to be "\_\_\_\_\_."
- Now, the latest stat on these smartphones is that in America, you look at it your cellphone on average \_\_\_\_\_ times a day, which comes to a total of \_\_\_\_\_ a day looking at your phone. That adds up to \_\_\_\_\_ total hours a week, you're looking at this thing. What that means is if you are an average person and you live to an average age, you will eventually spend \_\_\_\_\_ solid years of your life looking at a cellphone or some digital device.

† *1 Corinthians 10:23*, "You say, 'Under grace there are no rules and we're free to do anything we please.' Not exactly. Because not everything promotes growth in others. Your slogan, 'We're allowed to do anything we choose,' may be true—but not everything is beneficial, constructive and causes the spiritual advancement of others and you" (TPT).

- 1 Corinthians 10:23 gives us a biblical principle we need to apply here. What does it say? The biblical principle is: Some things aren't necessarily \_\_\_\_\_; they're just \_\_\_\_\_.

† *Proverbs 12:11*, "Only a fool idles away his time" (TLB).

2. I can be \_\_\_\_\_.

- Whatever gets \_\_\_\_\_, gets your \_\_\_\_\_.

† *Romans 12:2*, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world. But let God transform you into a new person, by changing the way you think" (TLB).

† *1 John 2:15-16*, "Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world itself" (AMP-C).

**The World Has Three Big Values**

- Lust for constant \_\_\_\_\_ . That is called \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Lust for more \_\_\_\_\_ . This greed is called \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Lust for more \_\_\_\_\_ . This is called \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ due to pride.

† *2 Timothy 4:3*, "For the time is coming when they will no longer listen and respond to the healing words of truth because they will become selfish and proud. They will seek out teachers with soothing words that line up with their desires, saying just what they want to hear" (TPT).

- Listening to the world's value system \_\_\_\_\_ me to \_\_\_\_\_ .

+ *Matthew 6:24*, "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't love and worship God and the world's values such as money, status, possessions, popularity nor pleasures" (PAR).

**3. I can be \_\_\_\_\_ into worthless and unproductive \_\_\_\_\_.**

+ *Titus 3:9*, "Never get involved in foolish controversies, useless arguments, disputes about your personal pedigree or fights over interpreting God's law. All of these are useless and do not help anyone" (PAR).

- The fact is there are people who live to hook you. There are trolls out there. Their adrenaline goes up when they hook somebody for a fight. They don't even care what you believe. They just like to fight and they like to argue. And you think, well, "I'll set them straight." But they're using \_\_\_\_\_, which means no matter what you say, it's not going to work.

+ *Proverbs 16:21*, "Charcoal keeps the embers glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublemakers keep arguments alive" (GNT).

+ *Proverbs 26:4*, "Don't answer their foolish arguments, or you will become as foolish as they are" (NLT).

+ *Matthew 12:36*, "Jesus said, 'You can be sure that on the Judgment Day, you will have to give an account to God of every careless and useless word you have ever spoken'" (GNT).

- It is unwise to take their bait. Instead, \_\_\_\_\_. What causes us to get hooked into those kind of arguments? Well, in a word, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. I can be vulnerable to be tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- When you're trying to appear spiritual in front of others. It's called \_\_\_\_\_. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus hated in the Pharisees.
- I can't be in the moment with \_\_\_\_\_ while trying to capture that moment as a \_\_\_\_\_.

+ *Matthew 6:1*, Jesus said, "Be careful. Don't do your acts of righteousness publicly to be admired by others. If you do, you will lose your reward from your Father in heaven" (PAR).

- Showing off only builds \_\_\_\_\_ to others and blocks \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

+ *1 Corinthians 4:7*, "Who says you're better than others? What do you have that was not given to you? And if it was given to you by God, why do you brag as if you did not receive it as a gift?" (GWT).

+ *Galatians 6:3*, "If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong" (CEV).

+ *1 Peter 5:6*, "So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. 'God's strong hand is on you and He'll promote you at the right time'" (MSG).

**5. I can develop an \_\_\_\_\_.**

+ *Galatians 1:10*, "Am I trying to win the approval of people or the approval of God? Am I trying to be a popular people pleaser? No. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be the servant of Christ" (PAR).

+ *James 2:1*, "Dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious Christ originated faith" (MSG).

+ *Ecclesiastes 7:21*, "Don't pay attention to everything people say" (GNT).

**6. I can get \_\_\_\_\_ from what is really \_\_\_\_\_.**

+ *Luke 10:38-42*, "As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to everything He said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with fixing dinner. 'Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to You that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.' Jesus said to her, <sup>41</sup>Martha, Martha, you are too worried and too distracted by many things. <sup>42</sup>Martha, there's only one thing that is truly important, and Mary chose it'" (PAR).