



SALT and LIGHT: Social Media

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“Okay you're pretty...
Your face is a work of art...
Your smile could light up New
York City after dark...
Okay you're coverboy
pretty...Stamped with a
beauty mark...But it's such a
pity a boy so pretty...With an
ugly heart...”

I must admit, when I heard

things... yet it is a shame that
we have such ugly hearts.

The Bible describes the heart
(the core or being of a person)
as:

“...deceitful, sick and
incomprehensible.” (Jeremiah
17:9)

“stone...hard and

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these titles are titles I wear with distinction but no
title trumps the one I inherited years ago:
FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST.”*

this song on the radio I was
hooked. But, before you come
and pull my man card and
write me off as a spice-boy, let
me explain. It wasn't the beat,
rhythm, or rhyme that
intrigued me... it was the
lyrics.

The song's premise is literally
our song, “A boy so pretty
with such an ugly heart...”

I live in a covergirl country full
of beautiful people, places and

impenitent...” (Ezekiel 11:19,
Romans 2:5)

“...the home of evil thoughts,
murder, adultery, sexual
immorality, theft, false
witness, slander...” (Matthew
15:18)

“...foolish and dark...”
(Romans 1:21)

Crooked, insincere, impure
and the list goes on.

Upcoming events



Friday, 8/22

Girls V Soccer @ Southwestern
Hanover, 6 p.m.

Middle School Soccer vs. Rock Creek,
6 p.m.

Girls V Volleyball vs. Rock Creek,
6 p.m.

Saturday, 8/23

Boys V Tennis @ N. Harrison Invite,
9 a.m.

Boys V Soccer @ Scottsburg, 10 a.m.

MS Volleyball (B and C) @ Whitefield

Monday, 8/25

Boys V Soccer vs. Providence, 7 p.m.

Girls V Soccer @ Salem, 6 p.m.

MS Soccer (A) vs. Whitefield, 5:30 p.m.

MS Soccer (B) @ HLS, 5 p.m.

Girls V Volleyball vs. Crawford, 6 p.m.

Boys V Tennis @ N. Harrison, 5 p.m.

Whether GRL knows it or not, their song "Ugly Heart" may be the most theological thing on secular radio.

And out of the abundance of the heart we speak, tweet, post and blog. One could say social media and our hearts are directly linked. (Matthew 15:18-20)

Over the next few weeks I will be writing about our hearts and social media. For some, it will be very informative, but for others, I hope, it will be convicting.

Truthfully, in regards to our students, I am a little embarrassed by the way some present themselves on social media. My embarrassment comes as I read what they post or tweet as it consistently reflects a "heart of stone." Others, keeping their thoughts inward, will simply "follow or friend" those and vicariously live through their "deceitful, sick and incomprehensible" ranting.

As a school administrator, and ultimately a public figure, I

realize everything I do is under scrutiny. Decisions I make, emails I send, sermons I preach, there isn't a day that goes by where I do not fall under some sort of criticism (this is not a pity party... as much criticism as I receive, I receive tenfold praise, encouragements and prayers). Not only am I okay with this, I embrace it! I desire to live in a manner that is reflective of my calling, reflective of my new nature, of my new heart! Father, Husband, Evangelist, Athletic Director, all these titles are titles I wear with distinction but no title trumps the one I inherited years ago: FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST. It is this title that dictates everything I do, say, tweet and post... and it is this title that when I fail in bringing my King honor in these things, this title reminds me of the narrow way and brings me back to task.

As committed families at Christian Academy Schools, we have all testified that we are followers of Jesus Christ. That means we follow him everywhere in every aspect of

our lives; sports, work, school, relationships and SOCIAL MEDIA.

Here is my challenge. Look at your social media accounts this week, look at your children's accounts. Do they look and sound like the accounts of a Christ Follower? In those accounts are we following Jesus or are we following Jay-Z and every other two-bit halfwit media-star with something and nothing to say all at the same time? Ultimately, does your social media reflect the spiritual status of your heart... stone or flesh?

I am looking forward to the next few weeks.

In Love,

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