



## SALT and LIGHT: Social Media

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*The following is an article theologian John Piper wrote regarding his twitter account. I found this very helpful; I hope you will too.*

"I see two kinds of response to social Internet media like blogging, Facebook,

boycott them and write books (not blogs) about the problem.

The other response says: Yes, there is truth in all of that, but instead of boycotting, try to fill these media with as much

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Puts camels through a needle's eye.  
And if his wisdom see it mete,  
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Twitter, and others.

One says: These media tend to shorten attention spans, weaken discursive reasoning, lure people away from Scripture and prayer, disembody relationships, feed the fires of narcissism, cater to the craving for attention, fill the world with drivel, shrink the soul's capacity for greatness, and make us second-handers who comment on life when we ought to be living it. So

provocative, reasonable, Bible-saturated, prayerful, relational, Christ-exalting, truth-driven, serious, creative pointers to true greatness as you can.

Together with the team at Desiring God, I lean toward the second response. "Lean" is different from "leap." We are aware that the medium tends to shape the message. This has been true, more or less, with every new

## Upcoming events



### Thursday, 8/28

Girls V Soccer vs. Corydon, 6 p.m.

Middle School Soccer (A and B) @ KCD, 4:30 p.m.

Boys V Soccer @ Austin, 6 p.m.

MS Cross Country @ N. Harrison, 6 p.m.

### Friday, 8/29

MS Soccer (A and B) vs. St. Francis

### Saturday, 8/30

Girls V Volleyball @ New Albany  
Tourney

MS and HS Cross Country @ St. X  
Tiger Run

### Monday 9/1 - SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday, 9/2

Boys V Soccer @ Walden, 6 p.m.

Girls V Soccer vs. Charlestown, 6 p.m.

MS Soccer (A) @ Walden, 4:30 p.m.

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

MS Tennis @ Crawford Co., 5 p.m.

medium that has come along—speech, drawing, handwriting, print, books, magazines, newspapers, tracts, 16mm home movies, flannel-graph, Cinerama, movies, Gospel Blimps, TV, radio, cassette tapes, 8-Tracks, blackboards, whiteboards, overhead projection, PowerPoint, skits, drama, banners, CDs, MP3s, sky-writing, video, texting, blogging, tweeting, and more.

Dangers, dangers everywhere. Yes. But it seems to us that aggressive efforts to saturate a media with the supremacy of God, the truth of Scripture, the glory of Christ, the joy of the gospel, the insanity of sin, and the radical nature of Christian living is a good choice for some Christians. Not all. Everyone should abstain from some of these media. For example, we don't have a television.

That's my general disposition toward media.

Now what about Twitter? I find Twitter to be a kind of taunt: "Okay, truth-lover, see what you can do with 140 characters! You say your mission is to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things! Well, this is one of those 'all things.' Can you magnify Christ with this thimble-full of letters?"

To which I respond:

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It also seems that the book of Proverbs is God's Twitter compilation for us. So when I think of my life goal, and when I think about how God uses proverbs, I am not inclined to tweet that at 10 a.m. the cat pulled the curtains down. But I am inclined to tweet: The Lion

of Judah will roll up the heavens like a scroll and put the sun out with his brighter glory (128 characters) If God answers my prayer, that tweet might distract someone from pornography and make him look up to something greater.

In spite of all the dangers, Twitter seems like a risk worth taking. "All things were created through Christ and for Christ" (Colossians 1:16). The world does not know it, but that is why Twitter exists, and that's why I tweet."

Be well,

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