

Social Media Guidelines for CBCGH

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Dear Ministry leaders of CBCGH:

In light of the increasing use of social media by our church members and groups, the pastors of CBCGH have developed some biblical guidelines for helping our church leaders encourage godly use of these mediums. We are so thankful for your continuing service to our Lord at this church and we hope these are helpful to your ministry.

1) DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

In order to avoid grieving the Holy Spirit, we recommend kind and compassionate conversations on social media. In keeping with Ephesians 4:29-31, rumors, slander and gossip are inappropriate means of dialogue and should be avoided with all other “unwholesome” words.

2) REMEMBER PURITY AS WE WRITE

Social media should include true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy words as a means of encouragement. This is seen in Paul’s admonition to believers in Philippians 4:8-9.

3) BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP

Building up one another is another guideline for social media. Jude encouraged this of believers in verses 20-21 of his epistle. He also reminded them to keep themselves in God’s love. With God’s love in mind, our words used on the internet should be for building up one another.

4) REMEMBER JESUS’ WARNING ABOUT WORDS

It is also important to keep in mind Jesus’ stark warning of carelessly misusing our words. Jesus warns of judgment for such misconduct. His words on this subject are found in Matthew 12:36-37. This warning should remind us to be very careful of the words we choose to communicate.

It is also important for disciples to “speak the truth in love,” so we believe it is right to be honest on social media. At the same time, this love constrains us to write appropriately – keeping in mind the scriptures we have listed in these guidelines.

May the Lord bless our communicating with one another!

In Christ,

Pastor Fung and Pastor Tim