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From The Heart Of An Intercessor

Insidious Invasion

Technology. Good or bad, it's here to stay- — and there is no way we can ignore it. As dependence on technology grows, so do our concern about cyberspace morality. Yes, more and more Christians have Web access, but for many believers that spells alienation from God and family. Plug in, log on, browse, surf, and stop being a human. We are inundated with exhortations from various ministries and ministers to get on their fancy website to view the latest religious trinkets. In many ways, "digital life" has taken over our lives.

Undoubtedly, technology is a great tool and I am not belittling its various benefits. But I am concerned that while we build a global communication network for progress and brotherhood, we create an invisible wall under our own roof. Kids sit in front of the keyboard, spouses forming alliance through chat-room romance, preachers surfing the Internet looking for the latest religious jokes, funny remarks and silly quips. Believe it or not, there is an ongoing assault on biblical morality through cyberspace.

Evan Imber-Black, a psychiatrist with the Ackerman Institute in New York, notes "a general breakdown in quality family time. The culprit, she maintains, is non-stop access to the world outside the home." Her family practice now includes spouses confronting devastating chat-room affairs right under their noses. Watch out, believers, the enemy has a trap set for us, and if we do not walk in the power of the spirit, we shall soon find ourselves in a compromising state of affairs. Don't be so eager to embrace every form of gadgetry blindly or let it dominate you and your family. Ministers, please don't rely so much on "disk sermons," but rely on God for the attainment of the finest and rarest spiritual communion with the living God. Those who communion with God will know and experience His power and purity, and their lives do not function by surfing on the Internet.

As believers, we are confronted with a culture that is incessantly hostile to Christian values. In the midst of mounting skepticism, the world needs to see our abiding faith, stability and undying hope in the risen Lord. Don't let our Christian values become so garbled and stifled in needless pandering and redundancy. Let's get off the treadmill of worldly ambition and sub-Christian standard! The present culture is doing everything in its power to make us believe that our cherished Christian values are a thing of the past. Beloved, stand firm and let the fashions and customs and techno-cultures of the world go by. I do not care very much for mass-produced

sentiment such as zerox greetings and forwarded e-mails. The human spirit is very much alive, vibrant and responsive.

I am an old-fashioned believer who likes to make a call or write a note of thanks or appreciation or sympathy to soothe the spirit of a wounded and hurting soul. When you write a personal note, you give a portion of yourself. God wants us to be messengers of hope in a hopeless world where multitudes, young and old are frustrated, confused, bewildered and baffled. In spite of all the technological advancement, we're still a people full of gloom, sadness, sorrow and blighted hope. There is no need for us spreading further gloom by pushing a robot culture that is so inhumane, cold and unsympathetic. Let's seize the opportunity to spread the joy of our Lord by being a true follower of the greatest human being (JESUS) ever lived.

The modern culture worships at the altar of technology. If technology takes you away from having quality time with your Lord, it is time to wake up, unplug, stop surfing — altogether. Those who chat with God always know His heart, purpose and plan. Set apart a specific time to meet with God, and you will be glad you did. Regain control of your spiritual life. Chat-room flings have become a tool for the devil to wreck many marriages.

It doesn't matter whether the flings are "non-physical" or simply for entertainment reasons, they bear their own consequences and they are detrimental to our walk with the Lord. No matter how we justify sin, it always leaves its mark on the real culprit. The human interaction is more meaningful than being high-tech all the time. Ask God for wisdom and set spiritual boundaries as you attempt to survive in this high-tech society.

Prayer navigates us through the celestial city where we find intimacy with the living God. In prayer, there's no browsing, no chat-room, no surfing, no cyberspace interactions. It is just you and God. It is heavenly interaction pure and simple.

Wings of Faith

Faith is acting on the written Word of God, not on reason. Biblical faith defies logic. Some folks say that God doesn't speak to us anymore, and I am not one of them. He speaks to our hearts through His Word as we walk in obedience to His will. The Word of God does not contradict the will of God. Walking in the light involves total trust and transparency. Faith is not an insipid sentiment, but an unshakable confidence in the greatness of God. When we abandon ourselves completely to God, life becomes one great romance which transcends all pervasive element of carnality and in veterate pride.

The world tries to neutralize our faith, but God sustains our faith. His ways may be "mysterious," but be sure that with infinite wisdom and loving kindness He plans for His own. Faith has nothing to do with societal evolution; it has everything to do with the Word of God. When I stand on the bank of the "Red Sea," I want to rely on the faithfulness of God, not on man's doubtful disputations and lofty ideas, based on hypothesis, conjectures, speculations and surmises.

"I believe God" is the language of pure, unadulterated faith. God maintains His people. "Faith honors God and God honors faith."

Let's soar on "wings of faith" beyond the limits of human grasp!

— Matthew Skariah

Our Awesome God

There is something majestic about God that is so universally shared and so magnanimously glorious and so relentlessly energizing and so delightfully enervating that He will find consecrated believers in every corner of the world. His glorious majesty will be worshipped by those who behold and cherish His infinite power. God's glory will be shown to be higher and deeper than all the unbelief that man can muster against His maker. His presence is the deepest, highest, broadest realities of the human soul.

The stunning beauty of His grace; the splendor of His majesty; the glory of His imperial presence and the crowning mark of His royalty, are the requisites that make His presence unique and powerful. Let's "*declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people*" (Psalms 96:3). Our future is in God's hand and this world is never outside of His care, never removed from the sphere of His influence. He alone knows what lies ahead. We belong to our sovereign God, the holy One of Israel. No matter what trials may come our way, let's remember whose we are and whom we serve.

God is never surprised at anything we do. He needs no shock treatment. He is in the forefront. He is never relegated to the background. He needs no one to defend His sovereign majesty. Men look on the starry heavens with wonder, awe, and reverence as they contemplate on God's creative genius: *monkeys do not*. Brilliant minds always seek our awesome God. For example, "*I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and Heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of the earth.*" (Sir Isaac Newton)

Let's practice the presence of Jehovah God daily, and we shall experience His awesome power. Something is everlastingly lost when His glorious presence is ignored. The person who reverence the sovereign majesty of his creator understands the premise in which God operates as the divine facilitator and enabler. No man has ever risen above his conception of God. A right understanding of God is the pathway to a life of joy and fulfillment. Let us never lose the 'wonder and awe' and the all-encompassing presence of His imperial majesty!

*Please do not attempt to marginalize our sovereign God.
He holds infinity in the palm of His hand.*