



Facebook Etiquette for Christians
1 Cor. 9:19-23

1 Cor. 9:19 For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*.

As of September 2014:

71% of online adults use Facebook

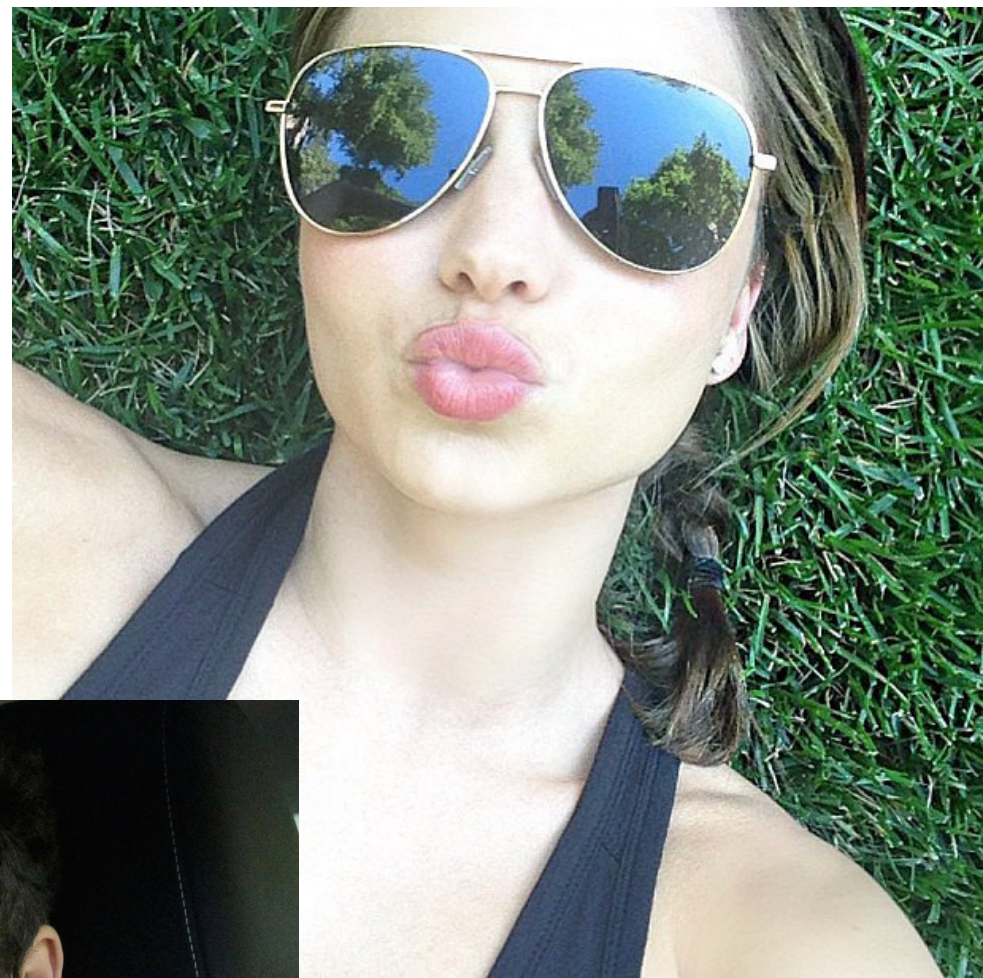
23% of online adults use Twitter

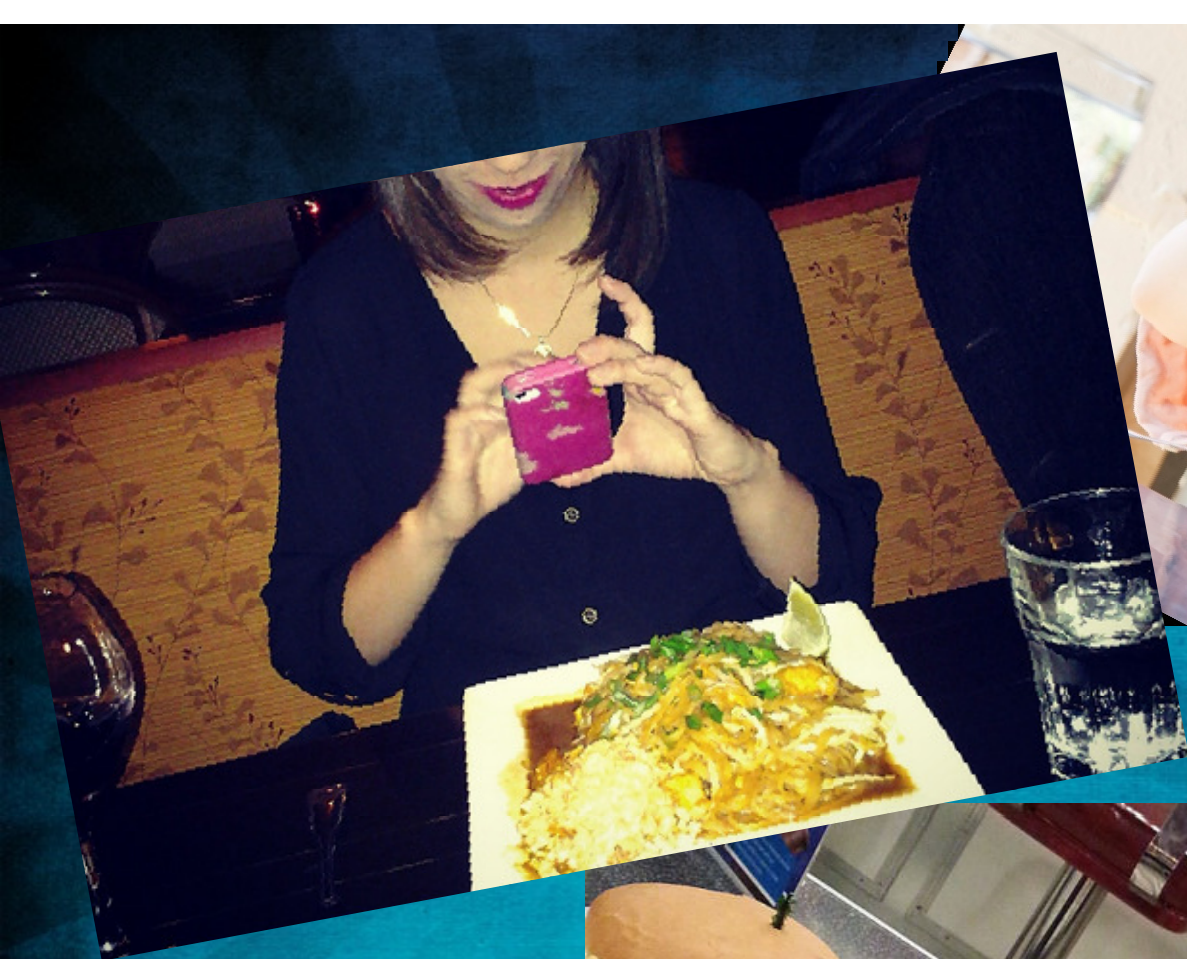
26% use Instagram

28% use Pinterest

28% use LinkedIn

<http://www.pewinternet.org/fact-sheets/social-networking-fact-sheet/>







Scientists Link Selfies To Narcissism, Addiction & Mental Illness

THE LAST SELFIE



Facebook Statistics, Stats and Facts for 2011 are starting to roll out, and here is the first infographic to wrap them all up thanks to Online Schools.

- With over 500 million users, Facebook is now used by 1 in every 13 people on earth, with over 250 million of them (over 50%) who log in every day.
- 48% of 18-34 year olds check Facebook when they wake up, with 28% doing so before even getting out of bed.
- The 35+ demographic is growing rapidly, now with over 30% of the entire Facebook user base.
- The core 18-24 year old segment is now growing the fastest at 74% year on year.
- Almost 72% of all US internet users are on now Facebook, while 70% of the entire user base is located outside of the US.

- Over 700 Billion minutes a month are spent on Facebook

700 billion divided by 60 minutes = 11,666,666,666.67 hours

divided by 24 = 486,111,111.1 days

divided by 365 days = 20,254,629.63 years

Over 20 million years of time is spent in one month on Facebook!

- 20 million applications are installed per day and over 250 million people interact with Facebook from outside the official website on a monthly basis, across 2 million websites.
- Over 200 million people access Facebook via their mobile phone.
- 48% of young people said they now get their news through Facebook.

Meanwhile, in just 20 minutes on Facebook over 1 million links are shared, 2 million friend requests are accepted and almost 3 million messages are sent.

<http://www.digitalbuzzblog.com/facebook-statistics-stats-facts-2011/>

The impact of our use of Facebook has serious ramifications, but not only during the present, but also for eternity.

1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

I. A DEDICATED EFFORT TO REACH THE LOST

1 Cor. 9:19 For though I be free from all *men*, **yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.**

Building Bridges via Facebook

II. A DUTIFUL EXAMPLE TO REPRESENT THE LORD

by Steve Higginbotham

<http://preachinghelp.org/facebook-etiquette-for-christians>

- 1. Don't criticize the church or your brethren.**
- 2. Don't constantly whine.**
- 3. Don't take cryptic "pot shots" at some unnamed person.**
- 4. Think before you post.** Innuendo's and off-color comments should never be posted (Ephesians 4:29).
- 5. Don't post inappropriate pictures.**
- 6. Do some self-evaluation.**
- 7. Don't use Facebook as an escape from reality.**

Columnist: 5 reasons marriage doesn't work anymore

Anthony D'Ambrosio 1:34 p.m. PST December 30, 2015

3) We're more connected than ever before, but completely disconnected at the same time.

You told your wife you made dinner reservations ... through a text message.

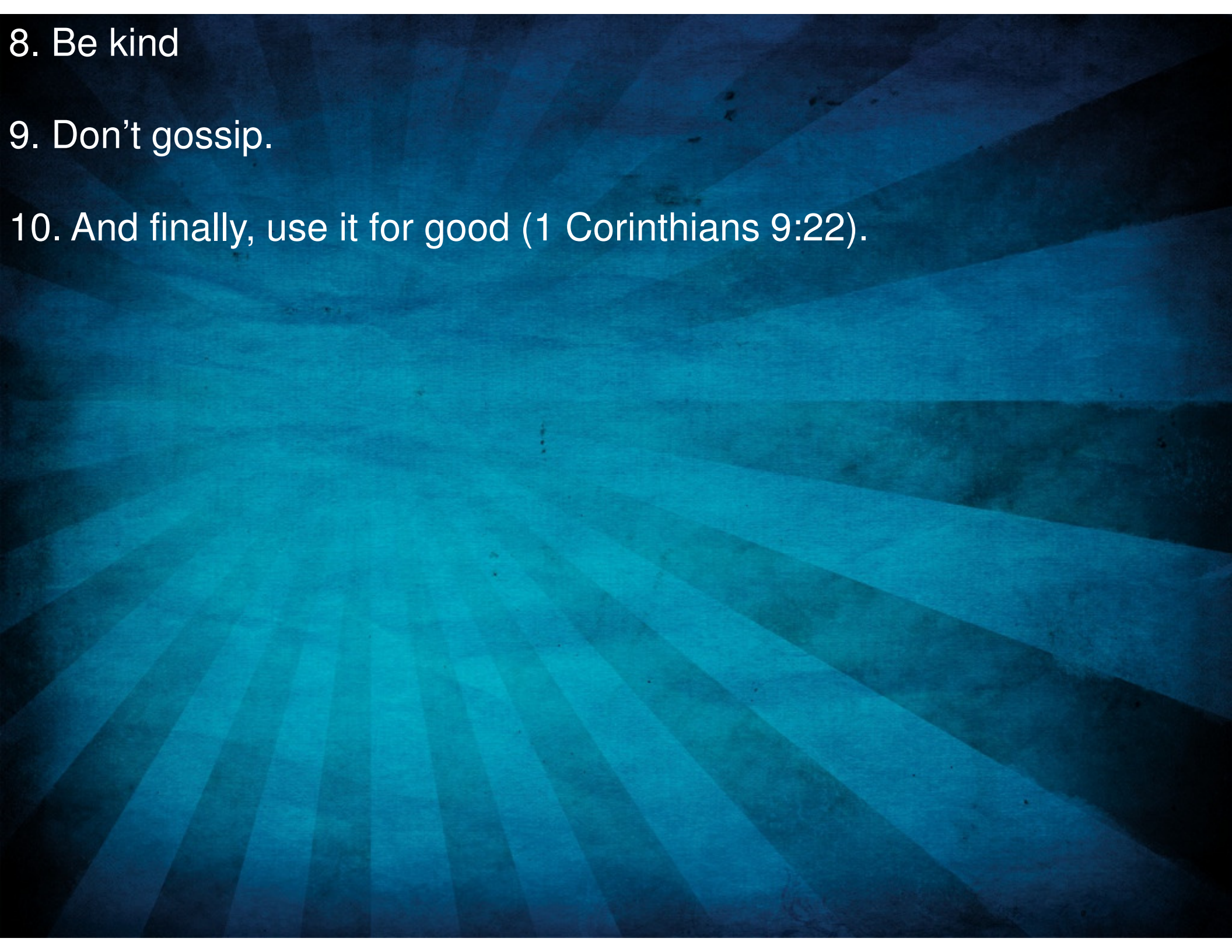
Your husband had flowers delivered to your job ... through an app on his phone.

You both searched for furnishings for your new home ... on Pinterest.

4) Our desire for attention outweighs our desire to be loved.

Social media...has given everyone an opportunity to be famous. Attention you couldn't dream of getting unless you were celebrity is now a selfie away. Post a picture, and thousands of strangers will like it. Wear less clothing, and guess what? More likes.

<http://www.abc10.com/story/life/2015/12/30/columnist-5-reasons-marriage-doesnt-work-anymore/78093780/>



8. Be kind

9. Don't gossip.

10. And finally, use it for good (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Guidelines for Christian Conduct on Facebook

Guest post by Denise Myers

<http://www.imperfecthomemaker.com/2013/11/guidelines-christian-conduct-facebook.html>

- 1. Never post negatively.**
- 2. Be quick to delete.**
- 3. If you can't handle it, GET OFF.** *Ephesians 5:16 – “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*
- 4. Use Facebook as a tool to encourage.**
- 5. Be careful who you befriend.**
- 6. If someone questions you about a post, remove it.**
- 7. Never use Facebook to send a “Woe Is Me” message.**
- 8. Know your spouse's sign on info.**
- 9. Do not assume a negative post is about you.**
- 10. Sharing too much information is bad.**
- 11. Watch your language (including spell-check).**

Read what you post, after you “post it” to save yourself some embarrassing comments. If you do make a major blunder, delete the whole comment (don't brag about it).

Conclusion

- Do not go fishing – for attention – via questions or vague comments
- Do not toot your own horn – bragging – over personal achievements, or kids, etc.
- Do not be backbiting – bickering – with anyone – accusations, name-calling, cussing, arguing
- Do not gossip – with “prayer requests” – without gaining permission
- Do not display dirty laundry – keep things privately “in house”
- Do not be Pharisaical – sanctimonious criticism – judgmental while appearing “humble”

- Do be conscientious about representing the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Do be conscientious about representing our church.
- Do be conscientious about our school or any other ministry.
- Do be conscientious about being misunderstood, and be kind, gracious, and loving.
- Do be conscientious about TMA – too much display of affection

I was "one of them" who said I would never get on Facebook.. I'm glad I did.. I have reconnected, re-established, and renewed relations with so many people.. Seen so many "firsts" in their kids and grandkids lives.. Have 3-10 prayer requests a day.. Share thoughts, etc. on my status as God directs..

I appreciate all my FB friends.. Some humor, sadness, happy thoughts, serious thoughts.. All are important in the Facebook nation.. Have a great 2016!

Eph. 4:29 **Let no corrupt communication proceed** out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let **all** bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, **be put away from you**, with all malice:

32 And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**