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### The City Gates of Social Media April 26, 2026

#### Summary

In this sermon, Kyle teaches that biblical wisdom from the Books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes applies to the use of social media today. Social media is compared to the “city gates” of ancient times, where people gathered for connection and the exchange of information. As Proverbs 1:20–33 publicly calls out, people are invited to choose a wise path, yet they often follow the crowd instead.

Social media is not inherently good or bad, but it serves as a path toward greater connection and information sharing. Therefore, it is important to have a clear purpose for using it. Without intentionality, social media platforms—designed to capture attention—can shape behavior and thinking. The sermon emphasizes the need for discernment, awareness of others’ motives and caution, particularly for young people. It encourages believers to use social media in ways that honor God and lead to wise, healthy outcomes.

#### Scripture

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,  
she raises her voice in the public square;  
on top of the wall she cries out,  
at the city gate she makes her speech:  
“How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in mockery  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Repent at my rebuke!  
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,  
I will make known to you my teachings.  
But since you refuse to listen when I call  
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,  
since you disregard all my advice  
and do not accept my rebuke,  
I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—  
when calamity overtakes you like a storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.  
“Then they will call to me but I will not answer;  
they will look for me but will not find me,  
since they hated knowledge  
and did not choose to fear the Lord.  
Since they would not accept my advice

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and spurned my rebuke,  
they will eat the fruit of their ways  
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.  
For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,  
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
but whoever listens to me will live in safety  
and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

Proverbs 1:20-33 (NIV)

Do not let your heart envy sinners,  
but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord.  
There is surely a future hope for you,  
and your hope will not be cut off. Proverbs 23:17-18 (NIV)

Do not pay attention to every word people say,  
or you may hear your servant cursing you—  
for you know in your heart  
that many times you yourself have cursed others. Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 (NIV)

### Let's Start

When was the last time social media really influenced your mood or perspective?

### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

### Let's Talk

1. What are some common paths people follow on social media, and where do you think those paths typically lead?
2. Why is it important to clearly define your “why” for using social media? What is your current reason?
3. Have you ever noticed your emotions (anger, fear, comparison, etc.) being shaped by what you consume online? How?
4. How does Ecclesiastes 7:21–22 challenge the way we listen to or absorb others’ opinions online?
5. Kyle gave four points on what to do with social media:
  1. Know why you are on social media.
  2. Honor God with your why.
  3. Be aware and on guard of others on social media.
  4. No social media until 16 (although 18 is better).What is your reaction to his points?
6. What are some wise boundaries or habits you could put in place to use social media in a healthier way?



