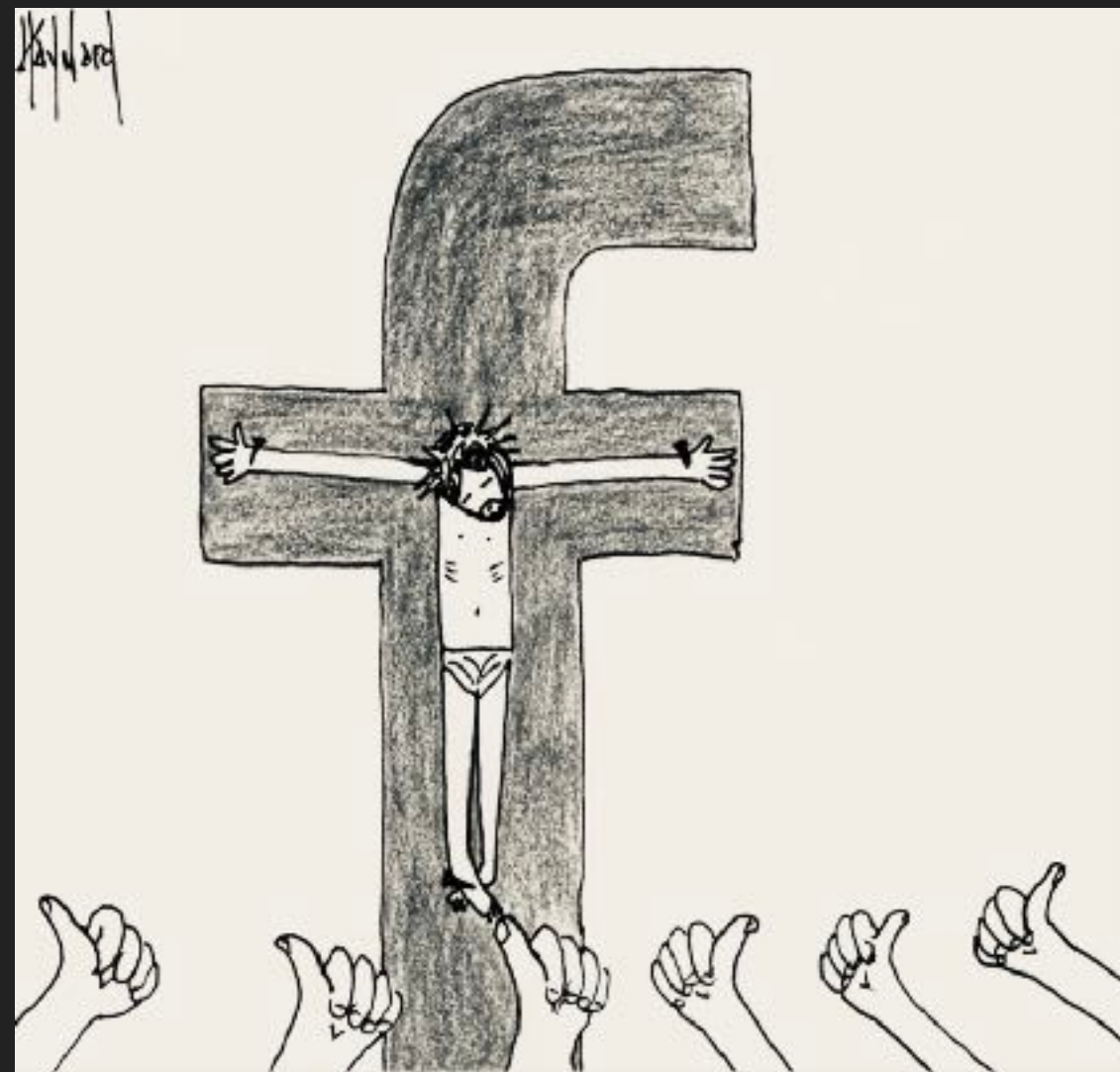




PRACTICAL LIVING

**MEDIA CHOICES:
SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:
“HOW DARE WE BE
ENTERTAINED BY
THOSE THINGS THAT
SENT JESUS TO THE
CROSS.”





Matthew 22:37

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Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

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Luke 14:26

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“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.”

hate = to love less

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**TV
MOVIES
MUSIC**

**BOOKS
NEWS PAPERS
ETC.**

OLD SCHOOL MEDIA WORRIES

MEDIA IN THE HOME



NEW MEDIA WORRIES

**GOD CARES ABOUT
OUR MINDS**

REMEMBER THIS

A graphic illustration featuring a white silhouette of a person's head and shoulders against a dark blue, textured background. The silhouette is facing forward. Inside the head area, the word "filth" is written in a bold, dark blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

filth

THEN THE LORD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS
OF MAN WAS GREAT ON THE EARTH, AND
THAT EVERY INTENT OF THE THOUGHTS OF
HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY.

Genesis 6:5

FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS HONORABLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS OF GOOD REPUTE, IF THERE IS ANY EXCELLENCE AND IF ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK (DWELL) ON THESE THINGS.

Philippians 4:8

I WILL SET NOTHING WICKED BEFORE MY EYES;
I HATE THE WORK OF THOSE WHO FALL AWAY;
IT SHALL NOT CLING TO ME.

Psalm. 101:3



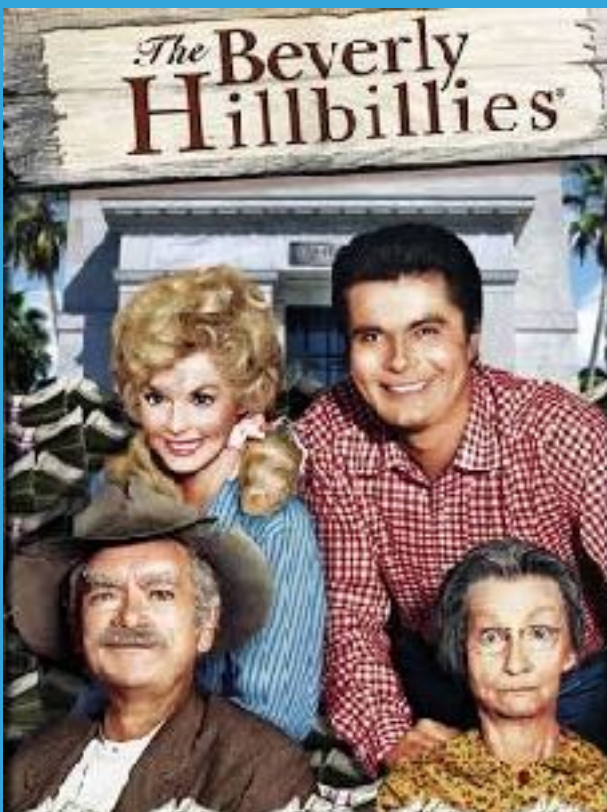
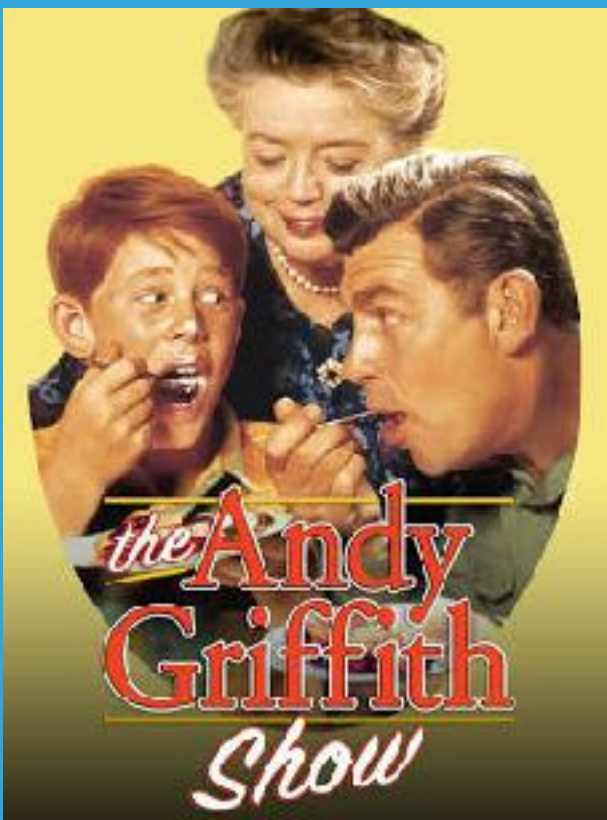
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Programming most frequently watched by adolescents:

83% contains at least some sexual content.

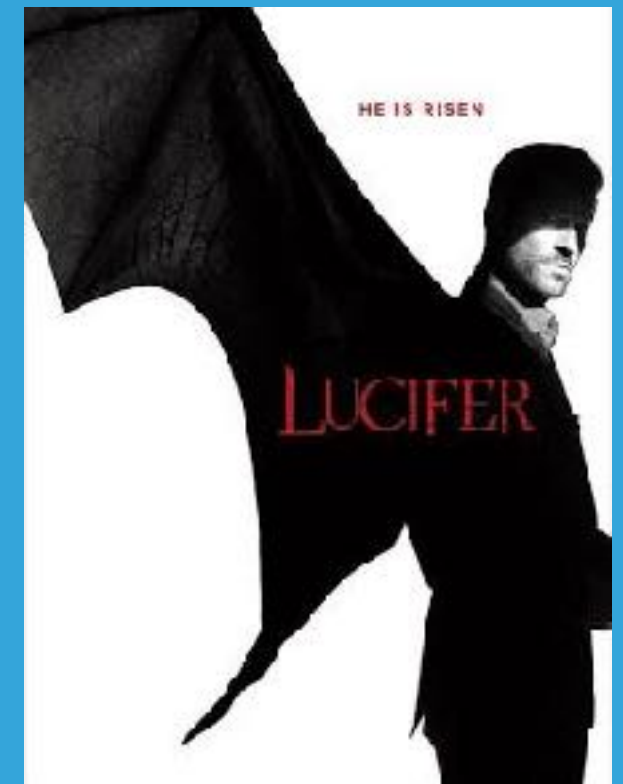
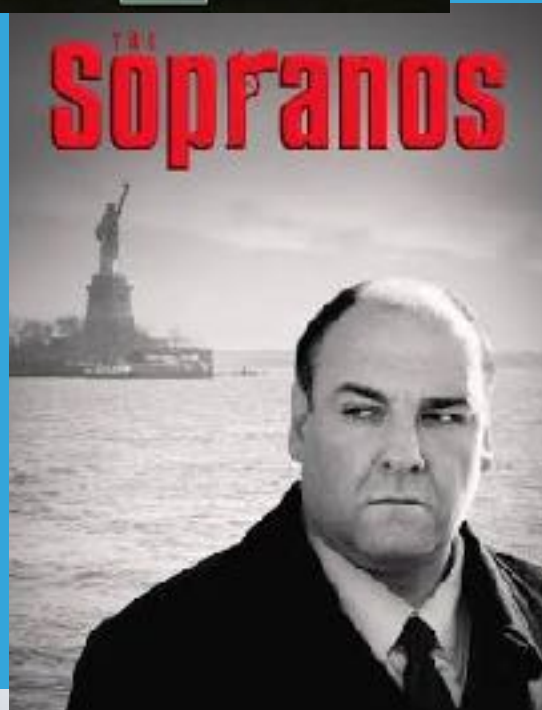
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TV MEDIA IN THE 1960'S



Had a lesson learned to be
learned...

TV MEDIA IN THE 2000'S



**GLORIFIES:
POWER, DRUGS,
SEX, LIES,
HOMOSEXUALITY**



“THE SCREEN IN YOUR LIVING ROOM IS A TEACHER”



UNKNOWN



**BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE
YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL
WALKS ABOUT LIKE A ROARING
LION, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY
DEVOUR.**

1 Peter 5:8

**HOW DOES THE DEVIL
USE THE MEDIA?**



DEVIL'S USE OF MEDIA STEALING YOUR TIME

An Average American Watches



- 4 HOURS OF TV A DAY
- 28 HOURS A WEEK
- 2 MONTHS PER YEAR
- 9 YEARS IN 65 YEARS

EVEN MORE
DISTURBING



THAT IS 9 YEARS
WASTED IS JUST TV

ADD SOCIAL MEDIA, IT
JUMPS 2 TO 3 TIMES

- **TEENS SPEND AN AVERAGE OF 9 HOURS A DAY ONLINE (12 W/ TV)**
- **SIX HOURS FOR THOSE AGED 8 TO 12**
- **50 MINUTES FOR KIDS BETWEEN 0 AND 8.**

Pew Research

AMERICAN ADULTS SPEND MORE THAN
11 HOURS PER DAY WATCHING,
READING, LISTENING TO OR SIMPLY
INTERACTING WITH MEDIA. (5 MONTHS PER YEAR)

MarketWatch

- PRAYER
- BIBLE STUDY
- VISITATION
- FAMILY TIME



What are we not doing???

SEE THEN THAT YOU WALK
CIRCUMSPECTLY, NOT AS FOOLS
BUT AS WISE, REDEEMING THE
TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

TIME IS A
BIBLE SUBJECT

Ephesians 5:16

**I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM
WHO SENT ME WHILE IT IS DAY;
THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO
ONE CAN WORK.**

**TIME IS A
BIBLE SUBJECT**

John 9:4

DEVIL'S USE OF MEDIA

**STEALING OUR
RELATIONSHIPS**

STEALS YOU AWAY FROM CHURCH FAMILY

Today's Reality



**Lots of Friends
on Social Media**



No Best Friends

**And if one prevail
against him, two
shall withstand him;
and a threestrand
cord is not quickly
broken. Ecc. 4:12**

The cost is high...

STEALS YOU AWAY FROM KIDS AND OTHER FAMILY



The cost is high...

STEALS YOU AWAY FROM YOUR SPOUSE



1 Corinthians 7:3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

The cost is high...

STEALS YOU AWAY FROM GOD



The cost is high...

DEVIL'S USE OF MEDIA

STEALING OUR INNOCENCE



VULGARITY LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOR

VANITY SELFIES, MONEY, SEXUALITY, BEAUTY, GREED

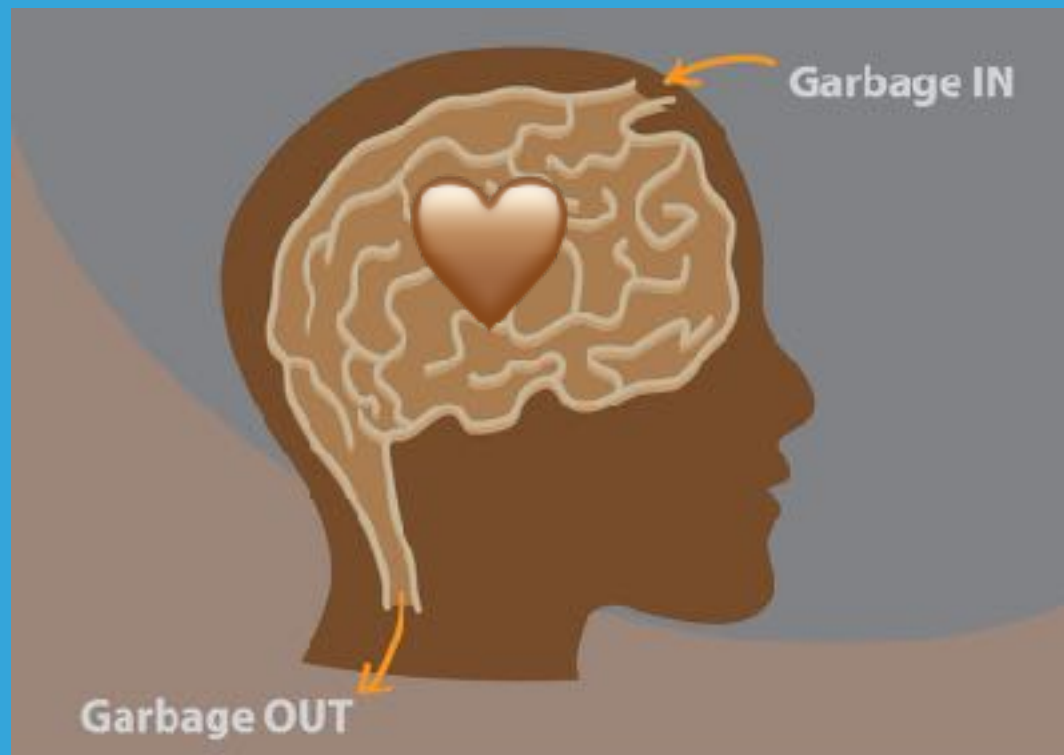
VALUES INMODESTY, ADULTERY, FORNICATION, HOMOSEXUALITY

LAZINESS MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR – HUNCHED OVER

VIOLENCE BLOODY AGGRESSION, FIGHTING, YELLING

ALL JUST A CLICK OR SWIPE AWAY

Social Media, TV, Radio, Magazines, etc...



IT CAN STEAL YOUR PURITY AND INNOCENCE

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.**

Mark 5:8

DEVIL'S USE OF MEDIA

STEALING OUR INFLUENCE



STOP POSTING YOUR IMPURITY

Negativity

Ungodly Activities

False Persona

Personal Drama

Immodest Pictures

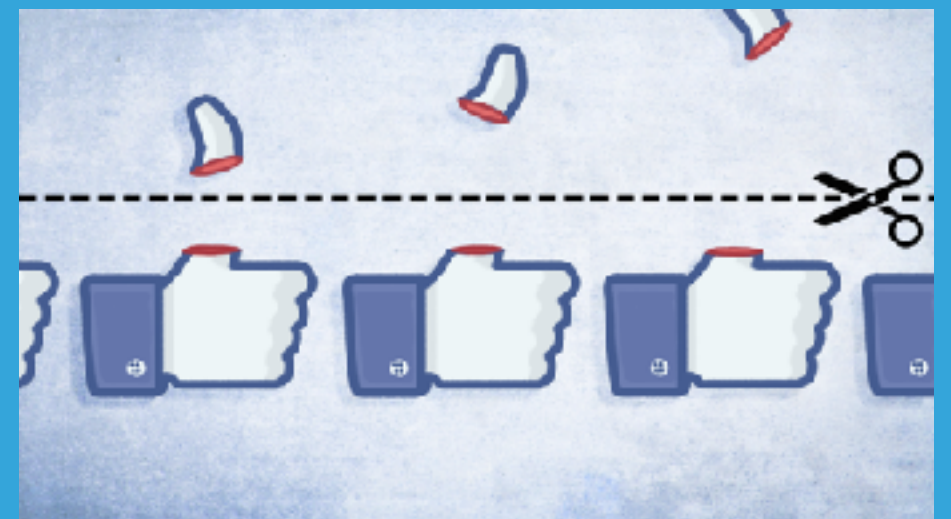
Vanity (selfies) “me me me”

Your
Influence
is
Gone!!

STOP POSTING YOUR APPROVAL OF IMPURITY

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TAKE CONTROL

PRACTICAL APPLICATION



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

MATTHEW 5:29 (NKJV): IF YOUR RIGHT EYE CAUSES YOU TO SIN, PLUCK IT OUT AND CAST IT FROM YOU; FOR IT IS MORE PROFITABLE FOR YOU THAT ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS PERISH, THAN FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY TO BE CAST INTO HELL.

INTERNET/SMART PHONES

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- **How will “my post or like” impact the Church?**
- **How will this reflect upon me?**
- **Will it help me be a soul winner?**
- **Think about the future. How will this look to a potential employer?**
- **Is this something that I would want “out there” forever?**
- **Who am I?**

SOCIAL MEDIA

MEDIA TEST

#1 HATE TEST: “I Hate What is EVIL.

- Rom. 12:9 ...Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good...
- Prov. 8:13 ...The fear of the Lord is to hate evil...

IF YOU DEVELOP A HATRED OF SIN and IT DEEPLY OFFENDS YOU -

YOU WON'T LIKE / WATCH or PARTICIPATE in UNGODLY ACTIVITY.

Does it pass the HATE TEST?

MEDIA TEST

#2 The EYE TEST :

- Psalm 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes....
- Job 31:1 I have made a covenant with my eyes...

Make an agreement with your eyes (yourself)

IF it is EVIL, WICKED, or OFFENSIVE to GOD.

I WON'T VIEW IT...

Does it pass the EYE TEST?

MEDIA TEST

#3 The PURITY TEST :

- Eph. 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The Lord DIED so His church would be PURE and HOLY...

If my choices are less than PURE and/or reflect negatively on the church -

I SHOULDN'T DO IT? Does it pass the PURITY TEST?

MEDIA TEST

#4 Second Hand Test : “Liking” Sinful Posts

- Rom 1:32 : who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

I might not be engaging physically in the SINFUL nature, but if I APPROVE of it... THAT IS SIN...

Does it pass the SECOND HAND TEST?

MEDIA TEST

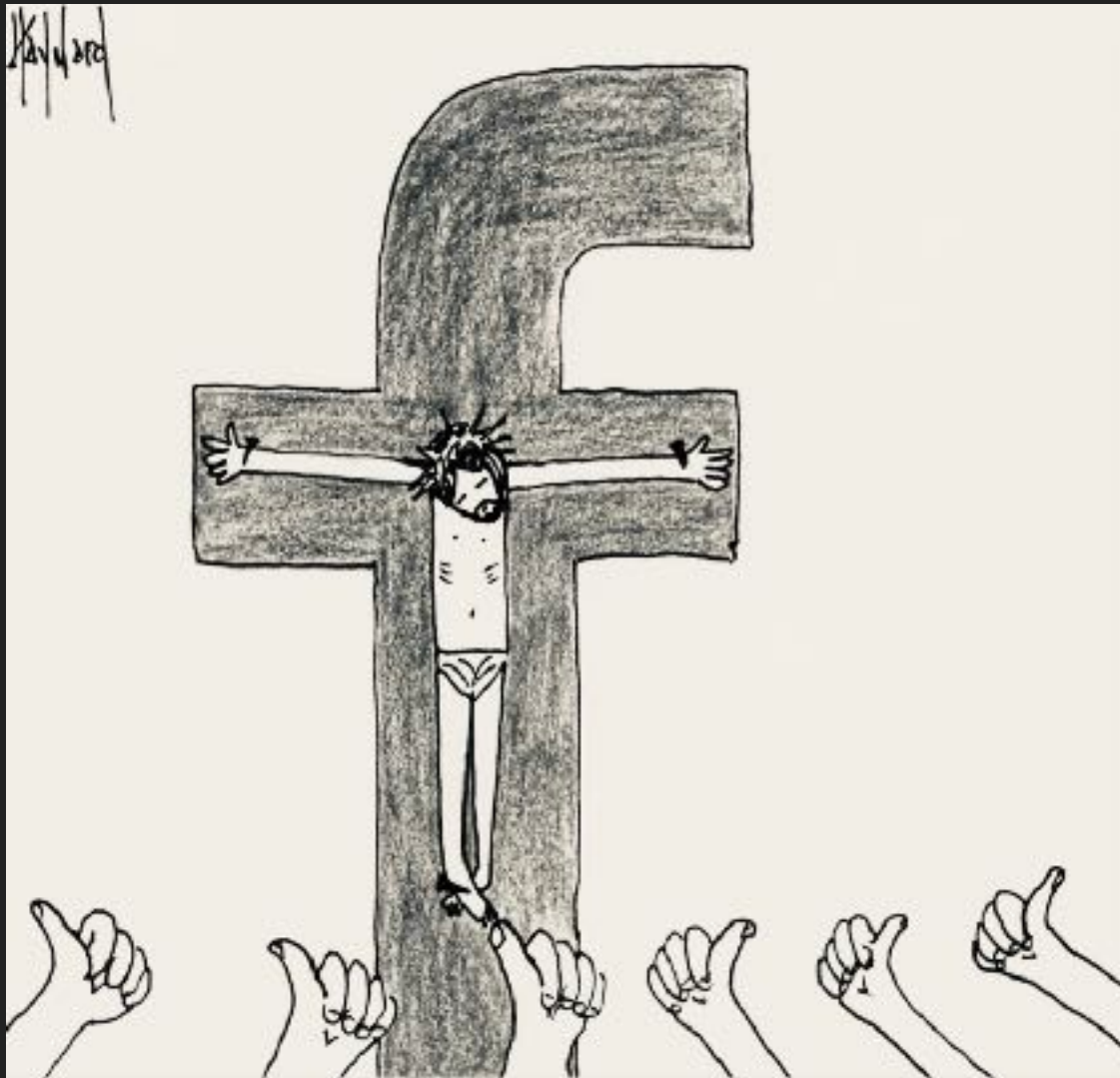
#5 The THOUGHT TEST:

- Phil 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

GOD CARES ABOUT OUR MINDS and HEARTS.

Does what I am about to do pass the PURITY TEST?

PRACTICAL LIVING
“HOW DARE WE BE
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Idea: Don Blackwell