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- -The term <u>Self-person you will be hearing for the duration</u> of this message a <u>is reference to our Flesh-person</u>.
- -I will be mirroring the contrast between your self -flesh person and your virtual personality.
- -So, this week I want to continue to take a closer look on how the digital technology and multimedia mediums are affecting our Self-person and approval.
- -In (self flesh-person) and God's economy, Approvals are just as important as disapprovals.
- -However, in the digital world, only approvals are accepted.
- -We are in an age that promotes instant approval, whether you have earned it or not.
- -All have gone **approval craze**, so when they don't get it by earning it, they take to the virtual world, which gives them instant approval with no facts checking.

- -This mentality of our society and culture is sending a mixed message to many Christians.
- -The world today is propagating people to live in a fake personality.
- -To hide behind their own self's, all the while portraying a virtual personality.
- -In this false pretense self-personality, you can achieve everything you have ever imagine to be.
- -But the trade of off of this, is to crave immediate approval.
- -What Satan is promoting is the idea to be two people, to live a double life.
- One, which is the real you and the other that is masked behind virtual reality or a fake image on the outside of the surface.
- I believe God is wanting his people to stripe away every false pretense and unmask the fake personalities.
- -So, he can bring about the necessary changes in our lives.

- Having a double personality leads to one being holly, fake and self-centered.
- -Our self-person approval and perfection comes through the blood of Jesus Christ, not by over sexualized images, perfect food and perfect travel photos displayed on our digital screens.
- -Satan is trying his best **to get you away from you being** you and lead you down a downward spiral you will regret.
- -Causing people to be consumed with social comparison, wishing they were someone else.
- -Constantly promoting themselves, editing who they are aesthetically to portray the "best parts of their life".
- -All the while God wants you to come him as you are, so that he can mold the proper image and self-person of who you really are... (Sons and daughters of God).
- -Real Self-person perfection and approval, does not come through digital technology so easily as the world portrays it.
- -It is formed through, character molding, testing's, trials, hardships, purged by the refiner's fire, being broken and remolded.

- -This sort of self-person perfection produces a true image of a real personality.
- -What the digital age is pushing is a celebrity culture and obsession.
- -**Fake it to make it...** just keep looking into you glass screens and compare your life with everyone else's edited highlights.
- -This sort of personality is intentionally lonely and fake.
- -For those born into a screen dominates age, you are taught to "mold yourselves" in order to gain the most social validations.
- -Parents an all need to realize that their self sculping personalities will lead to living a life of conditional self-love and personal-hate.
- -Because you now depend on others to dictate who you are, basically, your self-worth relies on social approval.
- -Many who are trapped into this cycle become more empty, lonely, hateful, jealous and insecure.
- -This **unhealthy social habit produces personallity insecurities**.

- I mentioned earlier we live in celebrity culture and obsession.
- -Truth is, we are to be heroes of faith not celebrities.
- -Our <u>heroes of faith are being replaced by a fake personality</u> celebrities.
- -Faith heroes are men and women of character.
- -<u>Edited images on our glass screens</u> does not make us heroes of faith.
- -The graphic revolution age has enabled people to be replicated.
- -To be someone else, "carnal impersonation."
- -What has Satan done? cause people to reject their own selfperson and replace it with a fake one to seek greater approval.
- -The devil has fooled us to think that if we can replicate ourselves everywhere then we are accepted and approved.
- -He has deceived us to believe that being everywhere virtually on our digital technologies will bring us infinite attention and infinite regard from others.

- -You may be feeling it virtually, but not realistically.
- -This whole strategy is to keep people from being selfperson before God.
- Our fake personalities addiction are incapable substitute for true intimacy with God.
- -Have you ever wondered why it feels so natural to communicate with someone through your glass screen and awkward to communicate in person.
- -This is so because on the screen we break away from physical limitations.
- -We can present our thoughts, ideas and whatever we want to be without facing the truth.
- -We can hide who we really are from our digital friends.
- -Through the glass screens we can separate ourselves from people who don't think like us and gravitate toward people who do.
- -It only <u>enables people to connect with people who they</u> have extremely particular things is common.

- -Satan has used this medium to <u>limit us from</u> communication in person.
- -It is **causing us to be socially awkward**.
- -This behavior has trickled down into our actual relationships with other Brethren in the body of Christ.
- -It is killing our fellowship and replacing it with fake personality in the virtual world.
- -Glass screen fellowship has physical limitations.
- -See what the devil has done is give some people a "place" on their glass screens whatever medium that is, where everyone largely agrees with their values.
- -They **feel totally approved.**
- -He now feed them the lies that being at church they are not valued; they are misunderstood or unappreciated.
- -Satan wants us to be escapist and only get our selfperson approvals from digital friends.
- keeping many locked behind a glass screen becomes a selfprison that debilitates them from real life approvals and disapprovals.

- -This **fosters a person's personality to live in a pretense fake world.**
- -As Christians we must be able to adapt and be vulnerable to others.
- -Our glass screens buffer us from diversities causing us to lose our self-person and revert to a virtual personality.
- -Digital friends have the tendency to avoid working through disagreements, tensions and differences.
- -This leads to becoming homogenous and unhealthy.

(Homogenous is the same or a similar kind or nature).

- Living in a virtual personality makes it easy to reject any form of disapproval, leaving blind spots and unaddressed matters unresolved.
- -The digital age of approval has brought about a false concept of constantly being approved.
- -This matter has caused great conflict in raising a family, because now the expectation rate for approval is greater in self-flesh person, whither people have earned it or not.
- -They are so accustomed to being approved digitally that now they demand it, right or wrong.

- -The online celebrity culture is driven virtually by glory, praise and approval.
- -Many live a life of the joy of approval and depression of disapproval with digital friends and family.
- -Satan well know that being in self-flesh person gives us the privilege to be able to develop a Godly character through both approval and dissaproval.
- -For this reason, <u>he keeps people hidden behind a digital</u> personality.
- -Come out one time and confess Jesus Christ and see how public approval forbids it.
- -If you mention too much about Jesus the world will unfollow you. You will be shunned; you will be despised.
- -If the glory and approval of man is your God, you will not give up your digital approval for God's glory.
- -But if you come to Jesus Christ and tressure his glory in self-flesh person above all other glory, you will forfeit the craving for instant digital approval.

-If you are bent on getting your satisfaction and affirmation from your glass screens, you will turn away from Jesus Christ, because you can't serve two masters.

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- -In a solid in (self-flesh person) intimate relationship with Christ, man's disapproval cannot hurt you and Man's approval cannot satisfy you.
- -As believers we must be careful that we are not doing our good works and displaying it on our glass screens to be approved and praised by man.
- -This type of action will cost us an instant loss of our eternal rewards.

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-In one humble-brag display in the digital world is a tradeoff of your eternal reward.

- -People do this all the **time sitting in a coffee shop with their bibles open.**
- -Seeking the praise and approval of man.
- -Our truly heart- satisfying approval we need is ultimately in Jesus Christ.
- -We **cannot continually to chase and lure** the praise and affirmation of **virtual personalities**.
- -Such desire will kill us spiritually.
- -Those who feed on little nibbles of immediate approvals from man will eternally starve.
- -In God's economy approval is something we wait for.

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-May God help us all to fight the lure of self-glorification in a cyber word, while yielding our in (self-flesh person) to his approval in the beloved.

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