

## **Recommended Reading on Social Media**

\*\* Starred Books are highly recommended

*Start with Martin, Reinke, and Thacker*

### **Easier – Good to Start With**

1. A Way With Words: Using Our Online Conversations for Good by Daniel Darling
2. Face Time [your identity in a selfie world] by Kristen Hatten (*written for teen girls*)
3. Taming the Fingers: Heavenly Wisdom for Social Media by Jeff Johnson (brief)
4. \*\* Terms of Service: The Real Cost of Social Media by Chris Martin (author has a blog by the same name) -- *This is the best overall book I've yet read on the subject of Social Media*
5. The Wolf In Their Pockets: 13 Ways The Social Internet Threatens The People You Lead by Chris Martin
6. Digital Dominion: Five Questions Christians Should Ask To Take Control Of Their Digital Devices by Jeff Mingee
7. Social Media Pressure: Finding Peace Alongside Jesus by John Perritt (*devotions for teenagers*)
8. Beyond Outrage: Vetting Media to Increase Sensibility and Stability by Michael Philliber
9. Competing Spectacles: Treasuring Christ in the Media Age by Tony Reinke
10. Gospel Speech Online: Speaking The Truth In Love In A Digital World by Lionel Windsor
11. Social Sanity in an Insta World by Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra, ed.

### **Intermediate – These go a little deeper**

12. Posting Peace: Why Social Media Divides Us and What We Can Do About It by Douglas Bursch
13. Faithfully Different: Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture by Natasha Crain
14. The Life We're Looking For: Reclaiming Relationship In A Technological World by Andy Crouch
15. The Christian and Technology by John Fesko (RTS prof)
16. Analog Christian: Cultivating Contentment, Resilience, and Wisdom in the Digital Age by Jay Kim

17. When Words Matter Most: Speaking Truth with Grace to Those You Love by Cheryl Marhsall and Caroline Newheiser
18. Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World by Cal Newport (secular)
19. \*\* 12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You by Tony Reinke (*2<sup>nd</sup> best book*)
20. Plugged IN: Connecting Your Faith With What You Watch, Read, And Play by Daniel Strange
21. Following Jesus In A Digital Age by Jason Thacker
22. Redeeming How We Talk: Discover How Communication Fuels Our Growth, Shapes Our Relationships, And Changes Our Lives by Ken Wytsma and A.J. Swoboda

**Advanced / Academic – These are longer and more theological**

23. Digital Liturgies: Rediscovering Christian Wisdom in an Online Age by Samuel James (author has a blog by the same name)
24. Faith for Exiles: 5 Wasy for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in a Digital Babylon by David Kinnaman & Mark Matlock
25. God, Technology, and the Christian Life by Tony Reinke
26. Restless Devices: Recovering Personhood, Presence, and Place in the Digital Age by Felecia Wu Song
27. \*\* The Digital Public Square: Christian Ethics in a Technological Society by Jason Thacker
28. Civility in the Digital Age: How Companies and People Can Triumph over Haters, Trolls, Bullies, and Other Jerks by Andrea Weckerle (Secular)

**Website:**

29. Endeavor: Online as in Heaven — [www.endeavorwithus.com](http://www.endeavorwithus.com)