

Some Facts about FACEBOOK

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WHAT IS FACEBOOK?

FACEBOOK is a social networking site used by over seventy-million users where those involved fill out a profile, can post messages, and upload pictures.

INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS ON FACEBOOK

As a result of a request from a concerned parent, asking me to give some guidelines for her children who were using facebook I did some research.

I made a survey of only fifteen young people from Independent Baptist churches in our area who were on facebook. (There are at least three times that many fundamental Independent Baptist young people in Ontario on this social networking site.)

I found they each had an average of 120 "*friends*," they communicated with. "*Friends*" can only be added if they agree to add them when someone contacts them asking to be one of their "*friends*".

In checking I found their "*friends*" had the following content on their pages.

1. Many men in their "*profile*" said their main interest in life is "*women*".
2. Several women in their "*profile*" said their main interest in life is "*men*".
3. Several of their "*friends*" had pictures of boys and girls kissing.
4. It was common to see their "*friends*" had pictures of punk rockers on their site.
5. Many sites included pictures of people drinking booze.
6. Some had demonic and occult pictures.
7. Several had very vulgar sexual comments, too vulgar to print in this report.
8. One site had several pictures of girls kissing and licking other girls.
9. One site had a picture of a woman in a bikini and a man wearing a bra.
10. Several had a promotion of what they called a "*friendship beer*".
11. Another site had a video of a half naked man dancing, which had been sent to this person's "*friends*" in Independent Baptist churches".
12. One had a logo advertising "*Send Me a Drink at Happy Hour*".
13. One page had a close up photograph of a man's privates.
14. On one page a girl reported she wore "*pink underwear*," "*lied to her parents*," had gone "*skinny dipping*," "*attended movies*," had kicked a man "*where it hurts*" and said she "*cursed regularly*".
15. One girl reported the outcome of her "*Cute vs. Sexy*" test, offered on the facebook social network.
16. Several had attempted to answer a riddle that included what "*makes a man have to pee?*"
17. Another question was, "*Would you rather get caught cheating or go without sex for two years?*"

18. Another feature on facebook says, “*Your friends are SEXY! So let them know - and see how SEXY you are among all your friends! Finally, find other sexy friends on Facebook!*”

19. Facebook offers a “**Sex Button**” that says, “*Browse profiles of hot looking people and Have Sex! With them in different positions and places! Put a “Have Sex!” button on your profile so your friends can Have Sex! With you*”.

THE DEVIL WANTS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Psalmist prayed, “*That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:*” (Psalm 144:12)

SATAN HAS HIS SIGHTS ON “OUR SONS”.

Our sons will soon be the leaders in our churches. The Psalmist prayed they would be like strong, well rooted trees. How they grow in their youth will determine what they will be when they take the leadership of God’s church. For a tree to grow straight and tall there must be nothing between it and heaven and it’s roots must not be in polluted ground.

God’s purpose for our young men is that, “*...he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper*”. The Bible says, “*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word*”. (Psalm 119:9)

The devil knows the influence our young men can have for the cause of Christ and he will do everything he can to destroy that influence. The phrase “*young man*” and “*young men*” is found in over 150 verses in the Bible.

SATAN HAS HIS SIGHTS ON “OUR DAUGHTERS”.

The Psalmist’s hearts desire was, “*...that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:*” The daughters in our churches will have a powerful influence on our sons. Godly wives will unite families together as a cornerstone joins the walls of a palace. Homes become palaces when godly women have a godly influence.

It is the devil’s plan that our young people, spiritually, “*...die in youth, and their life is among the unclean*”. (Job 36:14)

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

Solomon looked back on a wasted life and said in Ecclesiastes chapter 12:1, “*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;*”

Paul admonished, “*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand*”. (Ephesians 6:13)

TAKE A STAND! SILENCE GIVES CONSENT!

When someone is on the internet promoting punk rock, has pictures of people drinking whiskey, has vulgar sexual comments, has pictures of boys and girls kissing, and pictures of girls licking and kissing each other, do you really want to tell the world that they are your “*mutual friends?*”

When young people have videos of a half naked man dancing, or a photograph of a man’s privates do you want to advertise to the world that you are “*mutual friends?*”

When a girl puts on her site that she wears pink underwear, lies to her parents and curses regularly should she be a “*mutual friend?*”

Several Fundamental Baptist young people have the riddle on their own site about “*what makes a man pee*” and the question “*Would you rather get caught cheating or go without sex for two years?*” How sick is that?

Should you give your approval to a social networking site that says “*Your friends are sexy! So let them know - and see how sexy you are..?*”

Should you be involved with a site that has a sex button where you can, “*Browse profiles of hot looking people and Have Sex! with them in different positions and places! Put a “Have Sex!” button on your profile so your friends can Have Sex! with you*”.

YOU SAY I DIDN'T KNOW!

Well, you do now! What are you going to do about it? Here's an idea, “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”. (First Timothy 4:12).