

The Bible tells us much about the heart. Usually the heart refers to the mind. Matt. 5:7 says, "*Blessed are the **pure in heart** for they shall see God.*" Do these posts reveal a purity or a duplicity of the heart of some of our members?

Matt. 12:35 shows the consistency of man. "*A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*" Also Matt. 15:18 adds, "*But those things which proceed **out of the mouth** come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.*" How does a Christian woman who dresses in a bikini at a public swimming pool and then posts a picture of herself for all to see on FaceBook page claim that we are wrong to judge what is in her heart?

1 Peter 3 shows the Christian woman how to convert her husband. It involves "*chaste conversation, subjection, faith,*" and not exotic or revealing clothing. Verse 4 says, "*But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*" The hidden man of the heart is revealed by our dress and behavior. The meek and quiet spirit is attractive to God. The modest clothing helps to convert the husband. What does the blog at the dance sipping alcohol accomplish? It reveals what is hidden within the woman as well, a thirst for attention from the world.

These members defend their deeds if we try to correct them. They like to highlight their sins before the world but wish to keep them secret from the church. We are not surprised when they leave the Lord and embrace the world (their true love). We are surprised by the secret sins of some Christians. They post nothing. They say nothing. They conceal the corrupt heart until they depart. 1 Tim. 5:24 says, "*Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.*" Some sins we will not see. They will surprise us. But God knows every secret sin.

# Mooreville church of Christ

720 N. Indianapolis Road

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**Sunday:**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

**Wednesday:**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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## Announcements

Why not sign up to read the Bible to Lucille. She enjoys the company, and so does Donna.

Check the bulletin board for area Gospel meetings.

We all pray for Jill, Julie, and Sandy (Shelby's daughter). They are all doing well with cancer treatments.

We plan to have Braden preach next Sunday night as per our regular schedule. We are glad he is well.

Alan will be teaching our next parable in Sunday morning Bible class. It is on the lost sheep.

The Roberts and Yu's will be gone on July 24th. We need a substitute for teaching the adult class and for song leading on that Wednesday.

Make all sins inconvenient. "*Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof*" (Romans 13:14).

**There are no  
secrets from  
God. He is  
not mocked.**

## The Christian's Involvement In Social Media

*Heath Rogers (from Knollwood Reminder 6/23/19)*

Most Christians have an on-line presence that includes participating in social media. Social media has advantages and benefits, but it is also full of dangers.

It is alarming how many Christians post and “like” ungodly things on social media. Posts are filled with pictures of immodest dress, young people attending dances, drinking alcohol, and so on. Christians recommend TV programs and movies filled with bad language and sinful content. Some Christians have even shared religious posts that contain false doctrine.

**Social media allows us to look into the hearts of our brethren,** and what we see is sometimes disappointing. When confronted about such posts, some Christians try to turn the tables and blame their brethren for looking at their posts and judging their hearts. This tactic is unfortunate. The people of the world recognize that input on social media expresses one's reputation.

“More than half of employers (57 percent) that check job candidates' social media say they've seen content that has caused them to eliminate a person as a job contender... The top three turnoffs are provocative or inappropriate content (40 per cent), posts about drinking or using drugs (36 percent), and discriminatory comments (31 percent)... And based on the survey, the scrutiny continues after you're hired: 48 percent of respondents say they monitor current employees' social media activity” (<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/08/10/digital-dirt-may-nix-that-job-you-were-counting-on-getting.html>).

Social media can be an effective tool for furthering the gospel in a digital age. However, it can also become a Christian's means of damaging his reputation and ruining his credibility for the cause of Christ. Take great care what you post and “like” online.

## The Hidden Man Is Exposed

*Ron Roberts*

One thing Heath wrote in the preceding article was that “*Social media allows us to look into the hearts of our brethren, ...*” What people believe, practice, and say is revealed on the computer. They would not dress, talk, or behave that way at a social function among other saints. They would not do such things in a worship assembly. However, on social media they feel they can relax their inhibitions. They are proud of the sinful practices they engage in. They want to share what they do for fun with the social media world. They feel they can post these things and remain hidden because their congregations will never view their posts.

Social media gives each of us an opportunity to be a celebrity. We can post or twitter things and amass followers. We can feel like we are important, the life of the party, the buzz of all the conversations. This quest for attention usually leads to disaster. We reveal too much which results in criticism by employers who will not hire us, desertion by friends who feel betrayed by us, or to lusts of predators who want to molest us. Most people seem to think they can control who sees their posts. I know one son who blocked his parents from seeing his page. However, his aunt still had access, and she shared it with his parents. We cannot control the dispensing of information once we put it out there. Neither can we remove it when we have a change of heart.

I know little about social media, but I do know something about people. Mature Christians would never engage in some of the practices that are being posted by worldly church members. Devout followers of Christ have no fear of examination by the church, the elders, or the preacher. They are living the way they ought to and everything about them reveals such. No posts, words, or activities will expose anything else. Those “members” who post shameful behaviors are revealing what they are really interested in doing. Their heart is exposed by their dress, actions, and words; as well as their boasting of them on social media.