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Purpose

Jesus says in Matthew 18:3-6

“Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”



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Cyber Safety

From "cybernetics," it is a prefix attached to everyday words to add a computer, electronic or online connotation.

The term is similar to "virtual," but the latter is used more frequently.



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What is Online?

Computers, Web Browsing, Phones, PDA's, Banking, Online Purchases, Instant Messaging, PC Gaming, Gaming Consoles, Security Cameras, Web Cameras, Podcasts, News, Weather Reports, Movies, Email, Texting, Second Life, etc. It may be easier to think about what is NOT online.



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Internet Reliant

The Department of Homeland Security says that we are:

**“A Nation now fully dependant on Cyberspace”
and “By 2003, our economy and national
security became fully dependent upon
information technology and the information
infrastructure.”**



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Web 2.0

The second generation of web development and web design that facilitates information sharing, interoperability, user-centered design and collaboration on the World Wide Web.



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Web 2.0 examples

Web 2.0 led to the development and evolution of web-based communities, hosted services, and web applications, including social-networking sites, video-sharing sites, wikis, blogs, mashups and folksonomies.



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Social Networking

Focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and/or activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others.

Secular: Facebook, MySpace, Twitter

Christian: www.shoutlife.com,
www.mygodlyplace.com, www.7villages.com



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Video Sharing

Allows individuals to upload video clips to an Internet website. The video host will then store the video on its server and allow others to view.

Secular: YouTube

Christian: www.tangle.com,
www.ultimatetube.com, www.christian.tv



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Wikis

Website that allows the easy creation and editing of any number of interlinked Web pages.

Secular: Wikipedia

Christian: www.wikichristian.org



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Blogs

Weblog: a website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, events, graphics or video.

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Mashup

A web page or application that combines data or functionality from two or more external sources to create a new service.

Example: www.weather.com overlays radar images on www.bing.com maps. Another example is Realtor websites.



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Folksonomy

To annotate and categorize content; this practice is also known as collaborative tagging, social classification, social indexing, and social tagging. Sites like Facebook and Bing allow you to upload photos and then “tag” people in the photos.



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Online Gaming

Done via PC or Gaming Console that includes some social aspect.

MMORPG: Massively multiplayer online role-playing game. World of Warcraft (WOW) has over 11 million subscribers as of 2009.

X-Box 360 and PS3 provide for “social” gaming.

Netflix allows “friends” to watch movies together.



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E-Commerce

Online Banking: allows customers to conduct financial transactions on a secure website operated by their bank. Many employers and IRS offer Direct Deposit.

Online Bill-Pay: The ability to pay your bills via online banking or credit cards. Free at many banks and greatly reduces the need to buy checks, stamps and envelopes.

Online Shopping: Purchasing similar in nature to what mail order catalogues provided in the past. In recent years, in-store buying is on the decline and online shopping on the rise.

Taxes: The IRS and State taxing agencies allow for electronic transmission of taxes forms and payments. They also include the option to Direct Deposit Returns.



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Strategies for Staying Safe

- Stay Informed
- Do not post anything that you do not want the whole world to know about
- Never give out your Username or Password
- Use Strong Passwords
- You do not know the person



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Platform Awareness

- Know the System you are working on
- Keep your firewall turned on
- Keep your software and OS current
- Keep antivirus, antispyware and antimalware software current



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Be Careful With Your Money

- No reputable financial institution will ask you for you account information!!!!
- They already know it!!!!
- Do Not give out ANY account information, including Username and Password!!!!



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Safety and Social Networking

Do NOT give out personal information of any kind unless you are absolutely sure you know who will receive it and that they are trustworthy with that information.

Do NOT share your password with anyone.

Lock Down your account so that only friends can see your information. Do NOT allow Friends of Friends.

Read the Fine Print for applications like those on Facebook. They warn you that use of the application will expose personal information to those that wrote and/or use the application.

Remember that ANY information you do post can be forwarded to others by someone you THOUGHT was a friend. Once it is posted, there is no guarantee that it can be removed completely from the internet.



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Anti-Virus and Firewalls

This is the ONE AREA that you should not be cheap.

If your ISP has a bundled package, consider using it. Not only will it save you some cost, the ISP has a vested interest in preventing problems on their networks.

Only use applications that are rated as best by reliable sources.

Beware of pop-ups warning of problems on your PC that are NOT your installed Anti-Virus or Firewall software.



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Spyware and Malware

Malware, short for *malicious software*, is software designed to infiltrate a computer without the owner's informed consent.

Spyware is a type of malware that is installed on computers and that collects information about users without their knowledge.

Many Antivirus packages include the ability to detect and remove Spyware and Malware.

In addition to you Antivirus and Malware/Software packages, consider using Microsoft's Windows Defender and Malicious Software Removal Tools. Microsoft developed these tools specifically to protect your PC from applications developed specifically to attack the OS.



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Backups, Backups, Backups!

At the very least, get a USB drive and backup your personal and financial records.

For homes and churches with 10 or fewer PC's, consider [Microsoft Home Server](#) as your solution. Three 120 day trial kits available.

For churches that need more from a server and have fewer than 75 PC's, consider [Microsoft Small Business Server](#). Evaluation for up to 240 days is available.

Wherever possible, try to keep a recent full image backup of your PC . If your PC's disk drive dies, this will save you a LOT of time.



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Family Safety Filtering

From the Desktop

Windows Live: <http://www.windowlive.com/Desktop/FamilySafety>

From the Router

Linksys: <http://www.linksysbycisco.com/US/en/promo/Home-Network-Defender>



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Accountability Software

X3 Watch: <http://xxxchurch.com/gethelp/x3watch.php>

Covenant Eyes: www.covenanteyes.com

Other Family Safety software can also be modified to track internet usage.



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Other Resources

Netsmartz: www.netsmartz.org

Center for Missing and Exploited Children: www.missingkids.com

i-Safe: www.isafe.org

FBI: <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/crimesmain.htm>

Secret Service: www.secretservice.gov

Web Wise Kids: www.webwisekids.org

Family Online Safety Institute: www.fosi.org

For more information, please refer to our Safe Sanctuary website:
www.isafesanctuary.org