

Imaging the Attributes of God by our Internet Use

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We are all attracted by the promise of getting super powers. The internet offers many things that compete with God as “omni-net” idol-imposters.

The way to use the internet as your servant not your master: start with saving faith. Trust, love, enjoy and worship the Lord as the only super/omni-Lord, the sources of all our good and blessings, who forgives sins by giving us faith in the propitiation of the cross, credits Christ’s righteousness by giving us faith in his resurrection, and gives us the Spirit of promise to change us into Christ’s likeness.

Know that you are only a derivative creature and the internet, at best, is only a temporary derivative reflection of God’s attributes to be used as a tool to do the Lord’s will.

The Devil/world/old sin nature deceptively promise that the internet is the source of all that we want and can make us like gods (Gen 3:5) so we can transcend time and space, find all the love and acceptance we need, provide all our wealth, all our knowledge, establish the terms of our authority, submission and cooperation, give us power to build empires, take care of us by promising to meet more and more needs and desires, and offer other worldviews of history and of time use.

Use this model as basic instruction for children and warn and discipline against idolatrous desire to be like gods by the internet.

The LORD GOD	IMAGE of CHRIST’S HUMANITY	Ephesians IMAGE in BELIEVERS	INTERNET TOOLS	INTERNET: put on (4:24) see internet as tool to serve	OMNI-INTERNET IDOL (put off (4:22) promises super powers
omnipresence	presence	3:12; 2:16-22 reconciled access to God	Video, email, blog, chat	Family, friends, Christians, coworkers, evangelism	Seek sinful presence for selfish pleasure, pornography, sex hook-up, voyeurism
omniholy	Love, acceptance	2:6-7; 5:1-2, 29 loved and raised with Christ	Facebook, blogs, websites	Love people around you	Seek sinful praise, acceptance, like me, share me
omnisufficient	wealth	1:11, 13-14; 4:28 inheritance	Business, gambling, game levels	contentment	Distracted, jealous, envious, want more, buy more, add more
omniscient	knowledge	5:17; 3:17-19; 1:17-18 know truth	News about anything	Limit knowledge search to use/need	Covet unnecessary knowledge
omniharmonious	Authority, cooperation	4:1-6, 12-15; 5:23-6:9 authority-submission	Influence others,	Use influence to bless others	Use influence to manipulate for dominance
omnipotent	Power to accomplish	1:19-23; 2:6-7 resurrection power	Accomplish, conquer, build, do	Tool to do your work	Build alternate kingdom of world
omnifaitful	Faithful to promises	2:12; 3:6, 11 covenant of promise	Contractual: promise→ deliver	Tool to keep your promises	Use to deceive, pretend, lie
omnihistorical	Use time wisely, interpret history under God’s control	5:16	Time saver, time user	Use time to do Lord’s will	Use time to do what I please, fill my loneliness or boredom