

#STRUGGLES
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HOW IS TECHNOLOGY CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS?

- **THE TERM _____ IS EVOLVING.**
 - The average American Facebook user has _____ friends, but only has _____ close friends.
- **WE'RE BECOMING _____ TO IMMEDIATE AFFIRMATION.**
 - The chemical that releases in our brain when we get immediate feedback is _____.
 - It is meeting our short term need but _____ our longer term and _____ need.
 - We are living for _____ and longing for _____.
- **WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO FRIENDSHIP ON OUR OWN _____.**
 - I manage it from a distance, I will show you what I want you to see, I will tell you what I want to tell you and if I don't want to respond, I won't respond.

We struggle with insecurity because we _____ our behind the scenes with everybody else's _____ real.

"If you live by the affirmation of others, you die by the absence of it." - Pastor Steven Furtick

*But if you harbor **bitter envy** and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic.** ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. **James 3:14-16***

THE PROBLEM OF VEILED LIVING

*Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. **2 Corinthians 3:15***

- **A VEIL THAT FIRST COVERS THE _____ EVENTUALLY COVERS THE _____.**
 - What started as a superficial covering became a _____ condition.
 - If I really did show them who I am, I'm afraid they wouldn't like me.
 - Some people are so used to _____ the _____ self that they don't know who they are anymore.

- **ONLY _____ CAN REMOVE THE VEIL.**

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 2 Corinthians 3:16

- Suddenly, you're not getting your approval from their _____, but you're getting it from His _____.
- You are no longer living _____ the approval of people, You're living _____ the approval of God.

... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

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- If someone you'd never met started following you on social media, how would they describe you? Is that the real you?
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