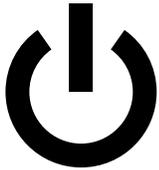


Title: What Would Solomon Tweet?

Speaker: Jordan Gillette

Key Verses: 1 Kings 3:3-15; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Summary: We should use social media for godly influence, not a social identity.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Jordan mentions several social media platforms (including email). What platforms do you use to connect with others and have influence?



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note Jordan's three points: **1)** Our identity is not wrapped up in what people think of us; **2)** Our purpose is to point other people to Jesus and be an encouragement; **3)** We all have influence (but not all influence is equal).



Comment: Take some time to talk

Jordan called social media a "double-edged sword." **What are good uses of social media? What are the negative sides to it?**

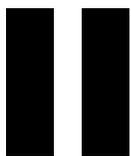
Review Jordan's social media self-analysis questions (next page). **What do your responses suggest about the health of your social media habit?**

Jordan exposes how social media encourages unfair comparisons and false personas. **What are some examples of each? How do they affect you?**

"Every social media post is a request for attention," Jordan asserts. **Do you agree or disagree? Explain.**

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-14. What makes King Solomon a poster child for the vanity of social media? How often do you feel like the late King?

How do you use social media to have a positive influence on others?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for the social media tools that allow us to connect with and influence others. Ask Him for wisdom in using it to promote Him more than ourselves. Ask Him to guard our hearts against deception and envy.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Fasting is a tried and true spiritual discipline useful for breaking the power of any addiction or dependency in our lives. A social media fast has the potential to reset our priorities. Consider talking a weekend fast from social media so you can be in the moment rather than just trying to capture it.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Jordan Gillette

Power Track Summary: In a world where everyone can share anything, anytime, this Power Track looks at what King Solomon and others might have tweeted.

About the Speaker: Jordan Gillette is a youth pastor at Grace Community Church (Goshen), married to Shelby, and once grew a Fu Manchu. He and his wife are waiting to adopt.

Things other Youth Pastors said about Social Media (SM):

- It's a good way to stay in contact with people.
- I use it to encourage people and help them because they post things more openly so you can see what they are really going through.
- To keep up with old friends
- To share experiences (with friends and family)
- I can talk to people I normally wouldn't be able to talk to without SM

Social Media Self-Analysis Questions

If you only got ten likes on a photo, would you be upset?

If only 3 people viewed your story, would that bother you?

Do you pull out your phone more than 1 time every 10 minutes?

Do you post basically the same picture of yourself on a regular basis?

"Often times we find at least part of our identity in who we portray and what we do on our social media. We lose some of ourselves."

"We all want to be important and have influence. People used to have to work to gain influence. [Learn, train, master your craft.] Now we all have automatic influence." Proverbs 50:7

"There is a so much noise. It is easy to feel like you are a failure because you don't have the influence you think you should have."

Millennials were told they would be able to achieve anything they dreamed, they could do anything they wanted, by their parents' generation who overshot their goals. They didn't reach their goals. They felt like failures. They went to social media where they could amplify their achievements but simultaneously compare their worst moments to other's best moments.

What Solomon—successful king and son of David—may have tweeted:

Queen of Sheba came to check out the palace today #blessed

God married again #259 #married

Living life to the fullest.

"If we're chasing happiness, it's impossible to find it the Solomon way... If you try and point people to you, you'll never be satisfied."