Social Networking Survey

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The respondents interviewed for this analysis were all over the age of 25 and the majority of those interviewed were female. Though Facebook was certainly the most popular social networking site used, respondents also mentioned using Twitter and Pinterest on a daily basis. Questions asked in the interview process related to the following topics: the respondents’ opinion concerning the tangibility of the relationships maintained on social networking sites, their belief of how distracting or time consuming social networking sites were, and their thoughts related to how social networking sites impact spirituality.

Social Networking as Community

One hundred percent of my respondents stated that they used Facebook on a daily basis. This comes as no surprise as Facebook has been termed “one of the most-trafficked sites in the world” (Anderson, Fagan, Woodnutt, & Chamorro-Premuzic, 2012, p. 23). It is interesting to note however, that one of the respondents, as a result of taking the online survey, deleted his Facebook account. Though he acknowledged that Facebook was beneficial in reconnecting with friends and was a resource that allowed him to connect with people from his past, he felt the connection was both superficial and shallow. The majority of the respondents saw social networking as an extension of their already established relationships; an extension that provided enrichment to previously founded associations. Thus ambient intimacy allows social networking users to form “a community of caring and support” (Rand, 2009, p. 24).

Conclusion

Social networking is undoubtedly and undeniably a part of our daily routine. Though some mentioned lightheartedly that the time spent on social networking distracted them from daily chores, none expressed any concern that social networking was addictive or even overly time consuming. According to the respondents that were interviewed, social networking, when made up of friends and acquaintances established in the offline world, can be a useful tool for connecting and staying in touch. The majority of the respondents also felt that social networking was a way to both encourage others and be encouraged in their daily lives and even in their walk with Christ.
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