

# Sermon Application Study

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This study is for Week 1 of our Chatroom series: The Public Reputation of a Christian. Consider the following passages as they relate to your interaction with people on social media and in other written forms.

## 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. What does it mean to be above reproach?
2. Why does Paul say an elder is required to be above reproach in his reputation with outsiders? (vs.7) Should all Christians be above reproach in this way?

## 1 Corinthians 5:20

1. Why does Paul use the word ambassador to describe a Christian's role in the world?
2. How does our job as an ambassador affect how we think about online interaction? Specifically, does it affect all our interaction, or just when we're talking about Jesus?

## Colossians 3:17

1. What does it mean to do something "in the name" of Jesus? How is it possible for everything we do to be done in his name?
2. What does it look like to interact online in the name of Jesus?

## For Me →

1. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being perfect representation of Christ) rate your online interaction with others as an ambassador for Jesus and his kingdom. Where do you need to see improvement?
2. If you're brave, ask others to rate you. They can see how you come off to others online.

## For the Mission →

1. What are some ways you can better engage online to help others see Christ in you?
2. Do you need to do some damage control and repair your reputation among those who can see what you post? How will you do this?

## PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord that his mercy and grace is for failures and sinners like us. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and the proper strategy for interacting online.