

## Jeremiah 13:25 (NLT2)

***This is your allotment, the portion I have assigned to you,” says the LORD, “for you have forgotten me, putting your trust in false gods.***

Social media, we are all pretty much on it, and it could be a good thing and a bad thing. I know when I originally got on social media, it was to stay connected with my family, because I lived a few hours away from them, so we didn't get together very often. Then, over time, I started to travel for my job, so it was an even better way to keep up with them and my friends, letting them know where I was and to see how things were going with them.

But at this point, I have over 750 friends on social media, some of them (or a lot of them) I have never met. Others are friends that I have made from traveling for my job. Some are coworkers and church family that I have met throughout the USA during my travels over the years.

But now I primarily use social media as a tool to share the gospel, and post scripture from God's word. But today's devo has nothing to do with having friends on social media or the number of friends that we have on social media. Today's devo has more to do with apps on social media.

Now a days they have apps that make you look younger, thinner and wrinkle free, so much so that if you actually saw the real person, you would not recognize him or her because they look nothing like what these apps make them out to look like. Then there are those other apps that tell you what will happen to you this year, or in 20 years from now. Some will tell you what Disney Character you are, or who you should marry, what actor or actress you most relate to, or what job you should have, or how many kids you will have, or what your real job should be, or.... Ahhhh

Now I know that they are for fun, yet how many believe these apps, so much so that they will let an app control their life, just like some people will read their horoscope each day to tell them how to live. It's just like today's verse where God said, ***“This is your allotment, the portion I have assigned to you,” says the LORD, “for you have forgotten me, putting your trust in false gods.”***

But the one app that disappointed me the most, was an app I have seen others posting that tell you what bible scripture verse is for you, and they are always “*make you feel good*” type of scriptures, and never scripture that would tell you to repent of the sin you are in, or to change your life. I say it's disappointing because most of the time it's Christians who are posting this, where they are looking to an app to replace the Holy Spirit and God's word speaking to them, and bragging on what an app said to them, quoting scripture. Therefore, they have what I call an “app god”.

But some of you are shaking your head thinking, *“Come on, it's all in fun, what's the big deal?”* The big deal is that all our non-Christian friends are seeing this, and don't you think they are

wondering, “So how is this Christian thing they keep telling us about so different then what the world gives us?” If you think about it, when did God start speaking to people through an app instead of directly through His word? Even God says in His word:

† **Deuteronomy 18:14 (NLT2)** *The nations you are about to displace consult sorcerers and fortune-tellers, but the LORD your God forbids you to do such things.*

Are we so quick to post what an app tells us (like going to a fortune teller), as it quotes from a dozen different “make you feel good” scriptures, but we don’t actually post scripture that the Holy Spirit spoke to us? Or are we doing both, posting scripture that we read, intermingled with scripture from an app, that only has a dozen “make you feel good” scriptures, telling all our friends, “Look at this fortune that this app gave me in regard to the word of God.”

God spoke in His word through the prophet Jeremiah:

† **Jeremiah 14:14 (NLT2)** *Then the LORD said, “These prophets are telling lies in my name. I did not send them or tell them to speak. I did not give them any messages. They prophesy of visions and revelations they have never seen or heard. They speak foolishness made up in their own lying hearts.*

Paul wrote about how men would be in the last days, and at the end of the list, he says that they are, “*having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*” **2 Timothy 3:5**

Sure, they may seem fun and innocent, or even godly, but the truth is, it is watering down the word of God “*having a form of godliness but denying its power.*” And is that really how you want others to see the word of God, as some app that makes people smile, by “*having a form of godliness*” Or is the word of God Almighty, spoken in truth through the Holy Spirit, Who’s word changes people’s lives and has power to save even the worse of sinners. And no app can do that.

† **1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NLT2)** *This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.*

† **Jeremiah 17:5 (NLT2)** *This is what the LORD says: “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD.*