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*The
Mission
of
FBCWR:
To present the Lord Jesus
Christ: His work
on the
cross
and
His in-
dwelling
power
to meet
man's
needs.*

*Be of sober spirit,
be on the alert. Your
adversary, the devil,
prowls around like a
roaring lion, seeking
someone to devour.*

1 Peter 5:8

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Safety Net for You and the Family

When I was 12, someone in my family won a ten speed bike. It was a fantastic ride - bigger, easier and way faster than any bike I ever had. The technology of the 10 gears opened up new opportunities to me. I could now go to new, far away places. Climbing the steep hills of Pittsburgh was now relatively easy and I loved to race the bike - many times sacrificing safety to speed.

One day I crashed during a race. I still wonder if the guy deliberately rammed my rear wheel even though he said it was an accident. The scrapes on my face and arms and the welts on my ribs from tangling with the handlebars made me long for my tricycle days.

Are we Tech-Ready?

Let's talk about the new opportunities created by advances in technology today - particularly regarding the Internet. Who would have thought ten years ago that you could so easily pay a bill, order groceries, buy a car, find an old friend or send your picture to someone over the computer? I can say the Internet has been "bery, bery good to me". I use it constantly - to research messages, contact church members and to develop in church leadership. The Net's resources are so vast, that I rarely buy hard copy books any more.

But with all the good that comes into our homes as a result of the Net and high speed connections, I wonder if we have

all the necessary protections in place to guard ourselves and our families from it's down side?

Downloading Destruction

I believe the greatest orchestrated attack on the home and family that has ever been launched against humans comes through the little copper and fiber wires that connect us to the "world". And homes all over this country are being blasted apart via the misuse of this very potent tool.

Am I just talking about pornographic sites? No. Damage can come through other seemingly innocent Net-related activities. Have we thought through all the issues and planned a counterattack? What are **you** doing about potential dangers?

FBCWR's Plan

As leaders in our homes, men are called to stand together against the world's alternatives to the fullness of Christ - the abundant life that Jesus gives. So this month, our church is hosting a **Men's Forum on the Internet** so that we can be as Jesus said, "Wise as serpents and innocent as doves." Stay tuned.

Our prayer is that the strength of our common resolve to stand against evil will bring about more safety and freedom in our homes. Let there be no doubt that the shiny new 10 speed bike of today can leave any of us sprawled out on the pavement of life, wishing that we had harnessed technology for good.

