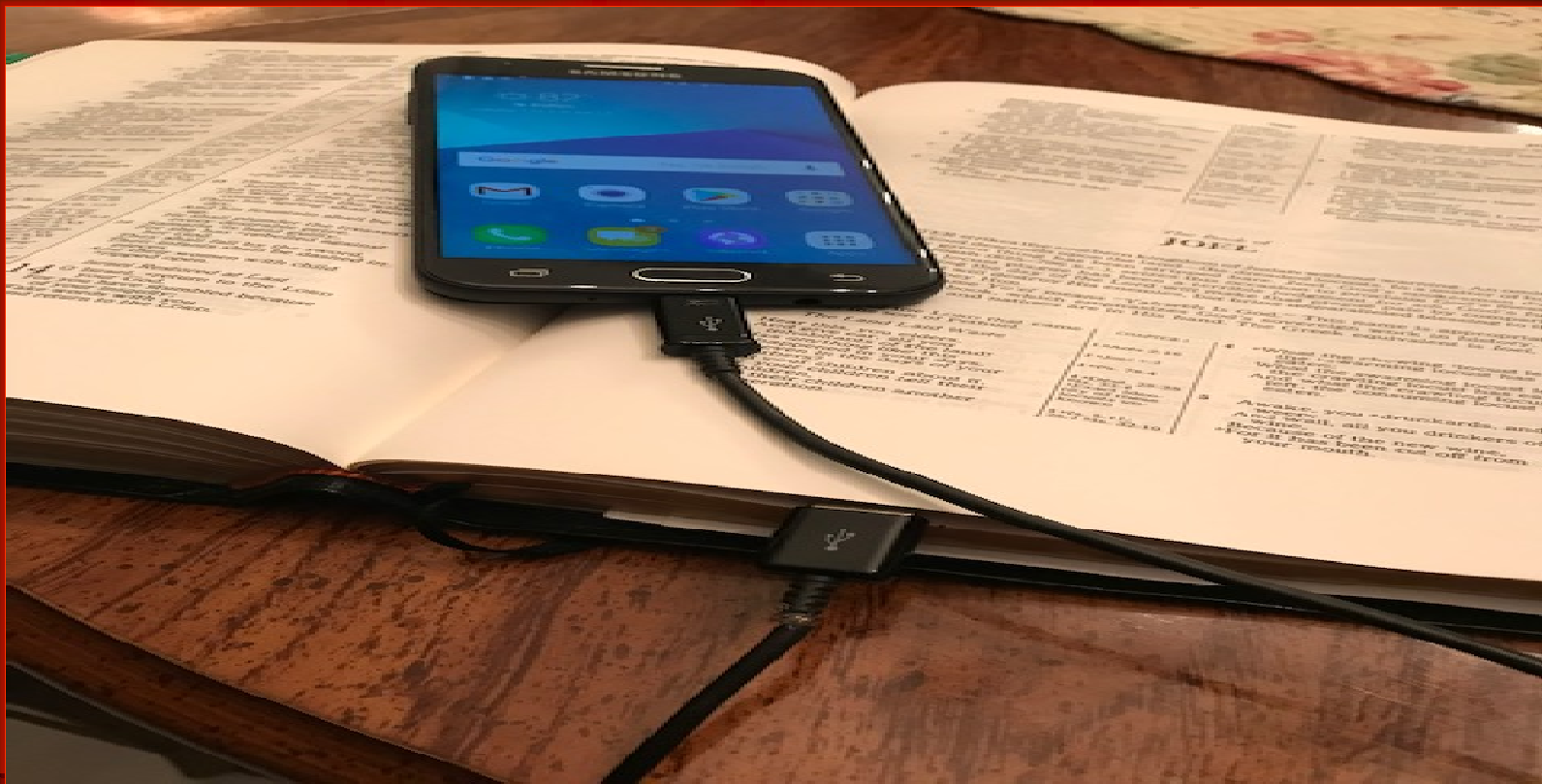


Cell Phone Evangelism

(Being a Disciple in the Digital Age)

Part 2



*Last week we learned of
Six Hazards that Digital Tools,
such as Smartphones, can bring to our spiritual life.*

*These six hazards can also be referred to as
Six Dangers or Six Temptations
that have been around plaguing the spiritual lives of mankind
since the beginning of time.*

*The difference now is that we carry these dangers/temptations
with us everywhere we go right in our smartphones.*

*Like an alcoholic carrying a bottle of whiskey wherever he/she
goes.*

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Now that we have covered the spiritual hazards of our smartphones....let's learn

Five Ways We Can Use Our Smartphones for the Glory of God

I want to tie these five ways to the five purposes that we have listed in our Mission/Vision/Value Statements

Mission/Vision/Value Statements of the COGSA

- *Mission*: “To make disciples who make disciples...and in the process, help change lives through the Power of God’s Applied Word to heal a broken-hurting world”.
- *Vision*: “To prepare a people for servant-leadership with Christ in Tomorrow’s New World”.
- *Values*: “To represent here on earth the government of God in all areas of life by demonstrating the following behaviors:
 - *Love God* – Vertical Relationship (Worship & Discipleship)
 - *Love One Another* – Horizontal Relationship (Fellowship/Ministry)
 - *Love the World* – Outward Relationship (Evangelism)

So let's explore five ways we can use our smartphones in carrying out the five purposes of the Bible....

*Worship – Fellowship – Discipleship – Ministry –
Evangelism*

I'm new to the use of smartphones, so I will depend on Crystal and those of you who are more experienced, but I hope this message will give us a good start.

1) Use it to express my “Worship”.

- One of the ways Scripture tells us we can worship God is through listening to and singing worship music. . . .and although we are commanded to attend Worship Services once every seven days (Sabbath – Lev 23/3), there are many other ways we can worship God throughout the week. . . .Bible Study, prayer, meditation, doing good works, and the various other Bible disciplines. . . .in fact, anything we do for the honor and glory of God is worship. . . .even our careers/jobs if done for the honor and glory of God is worship.
- Worship Music can be used for worship throughout the week.

1) Use it to express my “Worship”.

- Ps 98:4-6 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.
- Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1) Use it to express my "Worship".

- *Worship music is also used to call on and release the power of God...two examples:*

- *Music unleashes the power of God for Judah to defeat its enemies:*

- *2 Chron 20:20-23Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah...Believe in the Lord your God,...21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people (the enemy).....who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.*

1) Use it to express my “Worship”.

- *Worship music is also used to call on and release the power of God...another example:*
 - *Music also unleashes the power of God to release Paul and Silas from prison:*
 - *Acts 16:23-34 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.*

1) Use it to express my "Worship".

- *Worship music is also used to call on and release the power of God:*

- *Music also unleashes the power of God to release Paul and Silas from prison:*

- *26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."*

1) Use it to express my "Worship".

- *Worship music is also used to call on and release the power of God:*

- *Music also unleashes the power of God to release Paul and Silas from prison:*

- *29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.....*

1) Use it to express my “Worship”.

- You can use your smartphone to listen to worship music....listen to and focus on the lyrics....if they are doctrinally correct, each song becomes a sermon message that can unleash the power of God....can even be used as words to your prayers.
- So singing is worship....and you can listen and sing throughout your day....not for mere entertainment like you do with secular music, but as a way to unleash the power of God.
- When we clap here at Sabbath Services, it is NOT to show appreciation for any performance....it is to praise God.

2) Use it to encourage “Fellowship”.

- Rom 12:9-13 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
- We are all in this effort/movement together...we not only need God, we also need each other...this movement cannot be carried out by a “pull-yourself-up-by-your own- bootstraps” effort.

2) Use it to encourage "Fellowship".

- Think of ways you can use your smartphone to send encouraging words/messages to one another...to stay connected with one another throughout the week in between Sabbath Services.
- Send encouraging Scriptures to one another...we all need encouragement at one time or another...let everyone know if you won't be at Sabbath Services so we won't worry about you, etc.
- Smartphones are used by many to "show off"...let us use them to "show up" for one another.
- Don't only use your phone to "get" encouragement...focus on using it to also "give" encouragement.

3) Use it to enhance my spiritual growth – “Discipleship”

- 2 Peter 3:17-18 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- There are many apps you can download into your smartphone that you carry with you all the time than you can use to enhance your spiritual growth: Bible, CEM/CGI/Other Sermons...and you can share them with others.

3) Use it to enhance my spiritual growth – “Discipleship”

- Ps 119:37-40 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way. 38 Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You. 39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good. 40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.
- Smartphones can be used to cast your eyes on worthless things...use your phone to cast your eyes on this that matter to God and the assignment He has given to you.
- Ask yourself: is this worthwhile for my spiritual growth.

4) Use it to expand my "Ministry".

- Ministry mean "service"....serving others.
- Think of ways you can use your smartphone to serve others....use it to expand your "service" to others.
- Think of your smartphone as a tool to be used primarily NOT to "serve yourself" BUT to "serve others".
- Ps 116:12 NIV How can I repay (or give back to) the Lord for all his goodness to me?
- One way to serve others and to repay God is to share/forward to them things that you are learning about God's Word.

5) Use it to extend my witnessing – “Evangelism”.

- 1 Chron 16:24-25 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. 25 For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods.
- Matt 28:19-20 Go (through smartphone you are easily connected to the whole world) therefore and make disciples of all the nations,.....”
- Through your phone, you can reach the entire world without having to travel to the entire world. ...no other Believers in history have had the technology we have today to talk to the entire globe.

5) *Use it to extend my witnessing – “Evangelism”.*

- *Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- *For those of you who use the social media, Twitter, you can use your phone to “Twittness” to the end of the earth without having to leave San Antonio....you can “twittness” to reach all of San Antonio.*

To Summarize this Series

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Summary – Five Ways to Use Your Phone for God's Glory

- 1. I can use it to express my “Worship”.*
- 2. I can use it to encourage fellowship with others –
“Fellowship”*
- 3. I can use it to enhance my spiritual growth – “Discipleship”.*
- 4. I can use it to expand my “Ministry”.*
- 5. I can use it to extend my witnessing” – “Evangelism”*

Quote from book, p194 "12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You" by Tony Reinke

- *We all need to ask ourselves these three questions:*
 - *Ends: Do my smartphone behaviors move me toward God or away from him?"*
 - *Influence: Do my smartphone behaviors edify me and others, or do they build nothing of lasting value?"*
 - *Servitude: Do my smartphone behaviors expose my freedom in Christ or my bondage to technique?"*

Let's all use our smartphones for God's Glory and avoid using it in harmful ways that hinder our Spiritual Growth.