

Digital Drugs Series - Theme Verses: Psalm 106:29, 39 and Romans 1:30

"Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them... Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions... inventors of evil things..."

Lesson 1: The Distractions to your Thinking - Joshua 1:8

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Invention - The action or operation of finding out something new. God has laid this topic on my heart to discuss in the next few Wednesday evenings. I am troubled over the trends in the age that we live in, which sadly aren't going to be reversed. It's amazing what we are able to do today with technology. And now this digital age has brought in many inventions in the past 15 years, including SOCIAL MEDIA. It isn't bad in itself. Just like a TV - the screen, the computer chip, the wires, etc. aren't sinful, but what is on the screen can be! You can broadcast the Gospel or pornography. Internet is a tool, just like a hammer. You can use a hammer to build a house, or to kill someone. **It all depends on who is holding it: THE USER! You will not have a heart for God if you are addicted to digital drugs. The problem is not with the smartphones, it is with your appetites and desires.**

1. The Art of Meditation - Joshua 1:8

What we have sacrificed by being addicted to digital drugs is the art of meditation and thinking. What would happen if instead of checking Facebook, you opened your Bible? Instead of checking that notification, you got in touch with God in prayer? Psalm 119:15. Meditate means to dwell on anything in thought. The words meditate and meditation are found 20 times in the KJB, and most uses of the words are in connection with meditating upon the Word of God. Ask yourselves: **Do I meditate upon God's Word more than anything else?**

2. The Attention of Multitasking - Psalm 4:4

Multitasking - Talk and text, etc. But what you can't do is multitask and meditate at the same time. Multitask - giving your undivided attention to nothing. Our minds today are so scattered in multiple directions with so many "to-do" lists and by wearing so many different hats, and if we aren't careful, we will be a "jack of all traits and a master of none" in the spiritual realm! That is exactly what the devil wants! He wants you to not focus on any one thing so whatever you are doing won't be your best effort for the glory of God. **Could it be that we are so in tune with our electronics that we have become out of tune with God!** Stand in AWE and sin not! Awe - reverential fear!

3. The Allurement of the Mind - Ephesians 4:25-32

You see, your mind is like a computer program. Whatever you type in or command is what will come out. Now, if you fill your mind with worldly things constantly, and think on those things more than the things of God, then your conversations will consist more of worldly things. It all starts with our mind, and then it comes out of our mouth! Mat. 12:34-37; Phi. 4:8; Eph. 6:17. The dwelling on thoughts will lead to imaginations, which will lead to strong holds in your life! 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Psalm 19:14.