



Believe

Week 14

**To be single-minded
means to have one
desire that trumps all
others. One goal.
One focus.**

GOD!!!

**How do I keep my
focus on Jesus amid
distractions?**

**Why is distracted
driving dangerous?**

We are some examples of things that can distract us when driving?

**We all know the dangers of
distracted driving, what
about the dangers of a
distracted Church?**



**Why is being
distracted from God
dangerous?**

**What are some
things that can
distract us from
God?**

Visual Distractions

2 Samuel 11: 1-5

"Then he returned to his disciples and found them....

Texting! Can you not Keep Watch for one hour Without Texting?!!





Internet Addiction Disorder

mobile devices are the needles



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Internet Addiction: A Brief Summary of Research and Practice

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Abstract: Problematic computer use is a growing social issue which is being debated worldwide. Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD) ruins lives by causing neurological complications, psychological disturbances, and social problems.



Say they're addicted to their mobile devices

59% of parents
50% of teens

Say that their teens spend too much time on their mobile devices



66% of parents
52% of teens agreed

Feel the need to immediately respond to texts, social networking messages, and other notifications



48% of parents
72% of teens

Check their devices at least hourly



69% of parents
78% of teens



Try to occasionally reduce the amount of time they spend on devices



50% of parents
33% of teens

Matthew 14:22-33

What distracted Peter?

**Is Worry distracting
you from God?**

Matthew 6: 25-34

**How does worry
distract us from God?**

**Are the things in the world
distracting you from God?**

1 John 2: 16

For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the **lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**--comes not from the Father but from the world.

**What are some examples
of the lust of the eyes that
distract us from God?**



Wealth

**I LOVE SHINY
NEW THINGS.**

How does wealth
distract us from God?

Matthew 6: 19-24

Mark 10: 17-27

Wealth

Our society is becoming more affluent and as a result more people have money or have options to borrow money.

People have technology options, travel options, options for their kids. This affluence can distract us from God.

**What are some examples
of the pride of life
distracting us from God?**

Success in the world

**What are some
examples of how
our desire for
worldly success is
distracting us from
God?**

5 Devastating consequences Of Keeping Up With The Joneses

- 1. Lack of joy and contentment**
- 2. Lack of peace and rest**
- 3. Financial stress**
- 4. Destructive friendships**
- 5. Distraction from God**

**What are some
examples of how our
desire to make our
children successful or
popular in the world is
distracting us from
God?**



Keeping the Faith in a Sports-Obsessed Culture

Parents, show your kids that knowing God is more important than making the team.

by Dr. Bernie Schock

More children start earlier. More kids focus on one sport year round. More is demanded of these athletes — more practices, more games, more travel. More is demanded of their families — more money, more involvement, more expectations.

Luke 9: 59

What Jesus would say today

He said to another man,

“Follow me.”

*But he replied, “Lord, first let me
finish out the season because
my kid’s team is winning”*

*He said to another man,
“Follow me.”*

*But he replied, “Lord, first let me
finish this text and then take a
selfie with you so I can post it
on Instagram and I don’t want to
go if you don’t have WIFI”*

What did Jesus mean in the following quote from Mark 2: 27?

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

God is asking us to take just one day a week to escape our busy lives, to get away from our distractions and use that day to rest and focus on Him and our families.

Jesus is telling us in Mark 2
that God made this day of
rest for us, for our own good,
not for God!

Why is it so hard to give up
the world's distractions for
God for just one day?

What difference does this
make in the way I live?