

CELL PHONE SITUATION



Message: Spend more time with God, less time on our cell phones.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prop: A cell phone

[Show cell phone.] You all know what this is, right? Of course you do; it's my cell phone.

It seems like everyone has a cell phone these days. Everywhere you go you see people using them. They'll be walking down the street talking on their cell phone or texting on their phone. In fact, one time I even saw a man who was so busy looking at his phone that he walked right into a telephone pole! Ouch!

People talk on their cell phones while they're sitting in a restaurant – which is really annoying to the other diners. People talk on their phones when they're in the supermarket, and they even talk or text on their phone when they're driving their cars – which is really dangerous – and it's against the law!

Some people can't go more than ten minutes without checking to see if they have any messages. I've even seen people checking their messages in church during the sermon! It seems like people just can't live without their cell phones.

But I got to thinking: wouldn't it be great if people spent as much time talking to God as they do talking to people on their cell phones? In other words, wouldn't it be great if people spent as much time praying and reading God's word in the Bible as they do talking and texting on their phones?

And it's easy to do, because you can pray anywhere, anytime about anything. You can even pray while you're driving – unless you pray with your eyes closed! That could be a big problem!

The bible says, "Pray continually." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) It doesn't say, "Talk on your phone continually." And it doesn't say, "Text continually." It says, "Pray continually."

So maybe we could all spend a little less time with our phones and a little more time with God. After all, we shouldn't let anything be more important than God – not even our cell phones.