

## **Bibles Are Like Cell Phones**

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**Scripture: Romans 15:1-13**

**Romans 15:4**

**4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

**Summary: We need to know our Bibles and use them like we do our cell phones.**

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**“Leading People to Life’s True Purpose and Joy in Christ”**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**We live in a culture that is very biblically illiterate. There is a lack of spiritual direction in our nation because Christians do not know what the Bible says nor do they put Biblical principles into practice.**

**I believe the reason is too many Christians do not know their Bibles.**

**You know how popular cell phones have become in our culture.**

**What if we treated our Bibles like we do our cell phones?**

**1. If we left it at home we would have to turn around and go back after it.**

**Our phones have become our connection with the world.**

**If you don’t have your cell phone then you can’t contact anyone and they can’t contact you. How miserable the thought of being disconnected, right?**

**An average American teen sends out fifty text messages a day.**

**If you left your cell phone at home you would have to turn around and go back after it. You can see how necessary and valuable cell phones have become in our culture.**

**What if your Bible was that important to you?**

**What if the information in it was so valuable that if you left it at home you would have to turn around and go back after it?**

**Romans 15:4. For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

**How valuable is God's Word in your life?**

**Do you ever pick it up and read it?**

**Is it relevant for our culture or do you think that its old fashion and out of touch with the real world?**

**So, let me ask the question again. What if we treated our Bibles like we do our cell phones?**

**2. We would occasionally upgrade and trade it in for a newer version.**

**You know technology changes so rapidly so if we're going to stay on the cutting edge we have to upgrade our cell phones and keep up with the times.**

**In regard to the Word of God, we know that the truth that we find their never changes.**

**Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.**

**Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Hebrews 4:12. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

**The Word of God was never meant to be out of date or out of touch with the culture, but it was meant to be read and understood.**

**We have several very good modern translations of the Bible that are easily understood.**

**3. We charge it up every evening so we will be ready for a new day.**

**Every evening we put our cell phones on the charger so they will have a full charge for the next day.**

**That takes a little thought and preparation the night before otherwise our phones will be dead and useless to us.**

**We need to develop the discipline of prayer and reading God's Word every day so that we will be spiritually charged up for a new day.**

**We need to know the Scriptures.**

**Matthew 22:29 (Jesus told the Sadducees who tried to trick Him in His words), "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."**

**4. We're so familiar with it that we can use it well.**

**Most of us are pretty familiar with our cell phones because we use them often. We know how to text, find our contacts, check our e-mails, and use our navigation tools.**

**If we used our Bibles more we would be more familiar with them too. Christians should know how to get around in their Bibles.**

**We should know where the OT and the NT books are at and what they say.**

**5. We buy a protective case for it and keep it within reach.**

**Most all of us have a protective case for our cell phones so they won't break and so we can keep them within reach.**

**We take special precaution to keep them from being damaged and we have a holster on our belt so that they will always be within reach when we need them.**

**Some Christians get a protective case for their Bible so they don't get damaged from the elements.**

**6. We have a family share plan so that we can share our minutes with those we love.**

**Some phone plans have family share plans that don't cost you minutes when you call each other. Most families have share plans where they share minutes.**

**Wouldn't it be great if we would share with each other what we have learned from God's Word each day?**

**Exchanging ideas with family and friends about what we have read and studied in God's Word each day would be time well spent.**

**7. We won't settle for using someone else's, we have to have our own.**

**We wouldn't think of using someone else's cell phone, we have to have our own.**

**We personalize them and make them fit our personal needs.**

**We have apps for things that interest us personally.**

**Wouldn't it be great if we would personalize our Bibles that way?**

**We should have our own Bible and personalize it to meet our own needs. Highlight passages that speak to you in a special way.**

**8. We tell others about how happy we are with our carrier.**

**When we're happy with our service we tell our family and friends about our carrier. Some carriers provide better reception in certain areas than others because of their tower locations.**

**Christians depend upon Jesus Christ our Lord as our carrier. When we sin, we pray to God, and our Lord Jesus Christ speaks to the Father in our defense.**

**He carries our prayers and is our advocate before the Father.**

**1John 2:1. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**

**9. We tell others about how great our plan is.**

**Most cell phone users tell friends about their plan. Christians should be telling friends about their plan of salvation. We have the greatest news in all the world and we shouldn't keep it to ourselves. Jesus said that we are the light of the world.**

**Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.**

**Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.**

**In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**

**We need to tell people the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.**

**John 3:16 should be on our lips. We should know the plan of God's salvation for the world so well that we could find it in our Bibles and lead people to be saved.**

**10. Customer support is available 24/7 for questions and concerns.**

**One of the great things about having a cell phone is customer support. There are professionals that can tell you anything you want to know about your cell phone and answer all your questions.**

**They are generally open between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm. I know this because I have called them many times.**

**We have a direct access line to God 24/7 and He is always willing and glad to hear from us whenever we call upon Him in prayer. 911 calls are taken immediately.**

**CONCLUSION**

**I hope you have appreciated the relationship between your Bible and your cell phone this morning.**

**We know that if we used our Bibles like our cell phones we would be more pleasing to God.**