

CrossWalk notes

Escape

Escape from the Trap of Tuning Out

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What is your happy place?

"Tune out" means to become unresponsive or to dissociate oneself from what is happening. We think that tuning out will help us _____.

What we really need is rejuvenation by _____ in Jesus.

²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28, NIV

So, how can we keep our focus and escape from the trap of tuning out?

¹ Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. Titus 3:1-2, NIV

1. Don't tune out. Tune _____ to our culture and _____ it by _____ like Jesus.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8, NIV

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Titus 3:3, NIV.

2. Jesus frees us from our _____ to sin when we tune in to our _____ sin and repent.

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7, NIV

3. Jesus frees us from the trap of tuning out by _____ on His purpose to _____ us.

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.¹¹ You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.¹² As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there.¹³ Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need.¹⁴ Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

Titus 3:8-14, NIV

4. Jesus gives us glorious _____ when we take the _____ off ourselves and do what is _____ for others.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will live with glorious purpose by doing what is profitable for others because Jesus fulfilled His purpose in saving me.

What's your next step?
Mark it on your communication card.