

The Lord has been dealing with me concerning distractions...what is distracting you?

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*This is a little something that's been in my heart. I pray that you will find a blessing in it and tell someone else about it. CH*

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## Distractions

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus,

I was recently on a plane and began to talk to a young man about working in ministry and he began to tell me that he had too many things going on his life to do anything in church. So me, being the inquisitive person I am, began to ask him what was the biggest thing in his life keeping him from church. As he began to tell me and I found myself listening and thinking, there are so many distractions in this young man's life. We talked for a while and had a nice conversation about the Lord and church and his life and family but for the rest of the day I began to think about distractions in my own life. So I began to search the internet about distractions and came across this story.

*Just across from the Post Office is the old railroad depot building. The railroad tracks have been removed, but south of town you can still find some telegraph poles running along the old railroad right of way. Let's go back in time about 125 years to when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication.*

*One day, the depot manager retired and the railroad began the search for someone to take his place. One of the main duties of this new manager would be to receive and send telegraph messages. Therefore, the man they hired for the job would have to be familiar with Morse code. The railroad placed an ad in the newspaper hoping to attract several applicants for the job. It just so happened that a young man named Edward saw the advertisement and decided to apply for the job as a Morse code. He went to the address listed in the newspaper ad and entered a large, busy office filled with noise, clutter and the sound of Morse Code clicking in the background. Edward was instructed to fill in the application form and wait with the seven other applicants until they were called into the inner office for an interview. Edward filled in the form and sat down. The environment of the office was so noisy it was difficult to carry on a conversation so most of the applicants sat silently, some reading magazines, others dozing off and paying no attention to what was going on around them. Edward, however, sat poised and ready to enter the office the very moment he was called to do so.*

*The railroad company needed just one employee but eight had applied. Which would get the job? After waiting a few minutes, Edward stood up, crossed the waiting room, and walked right into the inner office. The other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They concluded that the young man was impatient or mistaken about what he was supposed to do and would be disqualified. But Edward possessed one quality the other seven lacked: he was really ready for the job. Young Edward was ready for work and he stepped right into the inner office. In a few minutes the employer stepped out. He said, to the other seven applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." They were surprised! They were astounded! They were shocked! They were angry! Said one, "Wait a minute! I don't understand! He was the last to come in, and we never got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!" The employer waved them down and said, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been sitting here the telegraph has been ticking out in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."*

*Edward was ready for service.*

We live in a society that is filled with distractions from every angle. Cell phones, Ball games, social media sites and all sorts of things crowd our lives causing us to not be able to hear the voice of God in our lives. We need to be ready to hear God and move when He calls. I'm reminded of Samuel when he heard the voice calling unto him, he was quick to respond to the voice. Are we ready to hear God or are we too distracted with the cares of our lives. Now I'm not saying that having a social life is wrong, or you shouldn't watch a

ballgame. The question is has it taken over your life? Distractions lead to deception and ultimately lead to destruction. Ask yourself this question. Am I Distracted?

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