

Stewardship Discipling Team September Council Devotions
Generous People Living God's Love by Keeping Connected with God

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Connections- We have so many ways to connect with each other: emails, texting, internet, and social media, to name a few. We also have all kinds of electronic devices that are available for us to use in order to make those communications. As with everything, God is the one who has graciously blessed us with these gifts of communication. I can remember when I would be away from home and needed to make an urgent phone call. I had to go looking for phone booth. Now we have cell phones. What a blessing!

Unfortunately, many of us have become so distracted by all the electronic devices that sometimes it affects our communications with each other and with God. Eighty-four percent of cell phone users claim that they could not go a single day without their device. Sixty-seven percent of cell phone owners check their phone for messages, alerts or calls, even when they don't notice their phone ringing or vibrating. This type of communication can be extreme where we feel we need to be constantly connected to our devices.

It is not to say that this type of communication is all bad, but what if we paid as much attention to the communication and connection we have with God as we do in the use of all our electronic devices? How many times have we asked yourself about the quality of our communication with God? Has God been trying to communicate with us, but we just weren't paying attention?

We can keep our connection with God alive and well by spending time with God's scripture and in prayer. When we do this, we become good stewards of the communication that God has blessed us with. God has given us God's Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to the path that leads us to God.

1. When do you find that your distraction most affects your connection with God?
2. As leaders of our congregations, how can we support each other to deepen our connection with God?