



iPod Devo – Part 1

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I. We're All Like An iPod At Times:

a. We Play Games

- i. We play sports and sometimes we lose
- ii. We ALSO play games in life (fooling people, fooling our parents, and trying to fool God)
- iii. ...and sometimes we lose. Don't be a loser (in life)!

b. We Listen To Music

- i. If you are like me... music is life
 1. We all have a "soundtrack" (type of music we always like, favorite song, etc)... we listen to it all the time and it gets inside us!
- ii. But is it all wholesome (God-honoring)?
- iii. Maybe we need to "change that track" of our lives...

c. We Stay Connected

- i. Like when you are online (Facebook, MySpace, Twitter)... always connected and networking
- ii. We are always interacting with people... networking (at school, at home, online, at the ball field, at work, everywhere we are)
- iii. How are you representing God as you "network"?

d. We Get Drained

- i. We go, go, go... and don't recharge (plug-in)
- ii. We get drained when not recharging with God too
 1. Our relationship with God dries up & almost dies at time (reconnect!!!)

e. We Are Daily Downloading Stuff

- i. Learning new things each day, filling our minds with stuff (often useless information or details)

f. We Have A Bible

- i. ...but we never really open it
- ii. Is that fair... to have it but not use it at all?

g. We Are Full of Stuff

- i. To the max (overwhelmed) = life can just get busy!

II. It's About All What We're Filled With:

a. What Are You Filling Your Life (iPod) With?

- i. Is it stuff? Is it people? Is it useless junk that will not last? Is it healthy or not?

Matthew 5:6 = "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (NIV)

- ii. Are you hungering/thirsting for "righteousness"?
 1. Righteousness = "uprightness / God's ways"

b. Are You Listening To Jesus (Or Your iPod)?

- i. Do you fill your mind with God or even pay attention to what He says? What if we were his disciples?...

"Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, he taught them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which suffer, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Then Simon Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?" And Andrew said, "Are we going to have a test on this?" Philip mumbled, "I don't have any paper." Bartholomew asked, "Do we have to turn this in?" John whined, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this." And Matthew asked, "Can I go to the bathroom?" Judas complained, "What does this have to do with anything?" And James said, "I don't get it." Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of him, "Where are your theological imperatives and long-term objectives in the cognitive domain?" And Jesus wept.

Sound familiar? Thankfully the disciples who heard Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount were good listeners. Unlike some of us, they got Jesus' point. They not only listened well, but they took his message seriously and acted on it.

Do you listen well to God? Do you spend time in his Word? Do you let his instruction change the way you live every day? That's what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ." (**Hot Illustrations 1.0, The Lesson**)

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