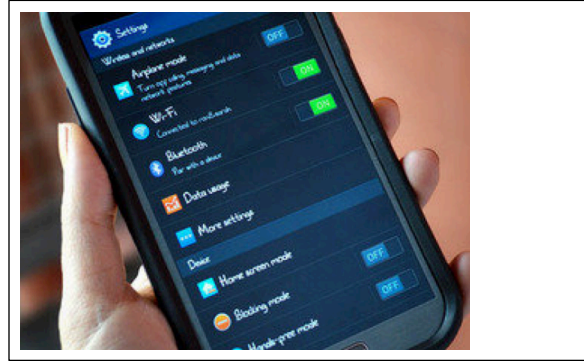


CrossWords

An Inspirational Message

Isaiah 6:1-8



Set On Default

I recently purchased a new cell phone and was struggling to keep it programmed with my personal settings. I had a special ring tone that I liked. I wanted a particular screensaver that meant something to me. I had volume specifications and light preferences. But every time I shut the phone off, my carefully chosen settings would disappear. Upon further investigation, I realized I had the phone set on default, so every night it would just go back to the way it was before.

Life can be like that too.

We can dream dreams and even make elaborate plans for success, but nothing ever happens because we keep getting set back on default. We go back to our old habits and our fruitless patterns...never getting anywhere.

And why?

Because we don't take the most important action required...we don't turn off the default setting.

Life changes can only happen when we move out of the mental and physical programming that kept us bound to the past. Problems can only be solved when we get out of the mindset that got us into them in the first place. Success can only manifest itself when we go beyond what we have always done before.

Scary?

Yes.

Uncertain?

Definitely.

Worth it?

Always!

Because even if we don't like the new settings, there are no limits to how many times we can hit reset...and at the very least, we are not confined to remaining in the repetitive, unproductive, monotony of life on default.

Come visit us at First Christian Church, we talk about things like that.