

# *What A Difference It Would Make*

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Cell phones have become a huge part of our lives these days. We talk, text, google, twitter and even shop on our phones. Some people love them, some people hate them, and some cannot live without them. Unfortunately for many, digital devices have become an addiction. These are people with whom you cannot converse, because they are constantly looking at Facebook, or they are tweeting or texting about something. They will interrupt a conversation (no matter how important that conversation may be) because a text came in, and they just can't ignore it - even for a minute or two! But whether you hate them or love them, most of us are usually packing. We are dependent upon them. We must be connected!

Can you imagine the impact on our nation and on our individual lives if we were as dependent on our Bibles as we are our cell phones? One man brought up these scenarios: "What if we carried our Bibles around in our pockets or purses? What if we flipped through it as many times in a day as we do our phones? What if we turned around and went back to the house because we forgot our Bible? What if we used it to receive messages from its text? What if we treated it like we could not live without it? What if we gave the Bible as a gift to the kids? What if we used it when we travel? What if we used it in case of an emergency?"

These questions make you stop and think, "Hmmm...Where is my Bible?" Our cell phones direct us to the world; whereas, the Bible directs us to God. Our cell phones often get us into trouble, because nothing is prohibited; yet, the Bible leads us to live sanctified and sacrificial lives. Why would we not want to give the Bible greater priority in our lives?

Verizon promises, "coverage where it counts." AT&T says they "will keep you connected to the things you love," while Sprint assures us "nationwide coverage!" Now, I will be the first to admit that I enjoy staying connected to the things I love, but as is the case with most advertising, there is quite a difference between promises and reality. Most cellular service is dependent upon tower availability, terrain and weather. Most of us have experienced dropped calls and spotty service. We expect to lose cellular connections during a storm or in a tunnel or on an elevator! On the other hand, the Bible will never become disconnected - regardless of your location or whatever storms you may encounter. In an elevator? No problem. During a tornado? No problem. Metal building? No problem. Your Bible always works! It is the best service that can be purchased, and Jesus paid the bill.

*"How precious is the Book divine, by inspiration giv'n! Bright as a lamp its precepts shine, to guide my soul to heav'n. Holy Book divine!...Precious treasure mine!...Lamp to my feet and a light to my way to guide me safely home."* (L. O. Sanderson)