

RESILIENT DISCIPLES



Resilient Disciples: Practice 1 – Cultural

GETTING STARTED

At some point we've all heard the phrase, "You can't believe everything you hear!" And that is as true today as it always has been. The difference is we simply hear a lot more from a lot more places and it seems to become increasingly difficult to know who to believe at all. In this series as we have been studying what it looks like to live as a Resilient Disciple in digital Babylon the need for being discerning has only increased. As Christians, if our goal is to glorify God, we need to be able to discern what is true Biblical teaching and what is not. It means we need to be discerning the messages and views we get from our culture by knowing the Word of God and living it out.

READ THE TEXT: 1 Peter 1:13-16

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. What are the two main commands in this passage? How does the rest of the verses support and illustrate those commands?
2. How do you define holiness in this passage? Where would you look to in the rest of the Bible to help understand the meaning of the word 'Holy'? (ie. Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Ex 34:5-7)

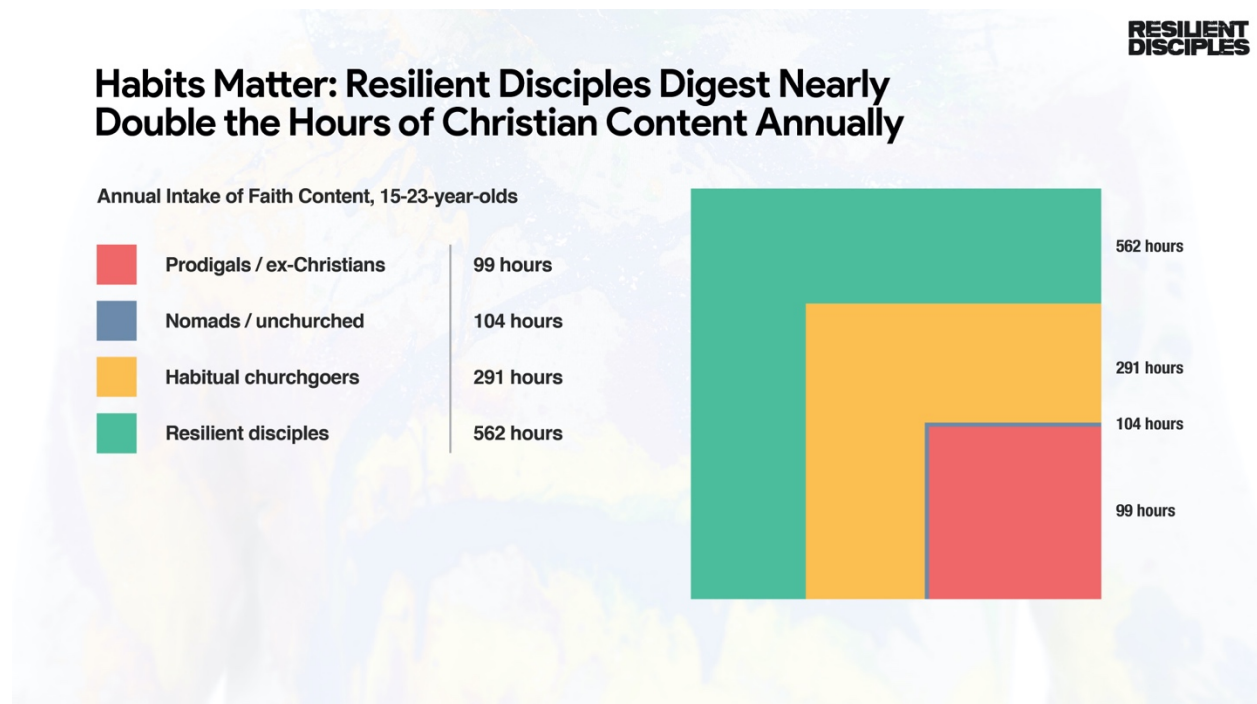


APPLY THE TEXT

1. How much time do you spend on entertainment compared to your Bible? What shapes your life more?
2. What steps can you make this week to spend more time in the Word? Who will hold you accountable?
3. What do you think holds you back from pursuing holiness? How can you overcome that?

SHARE & PRAY

1. In light of 1 Peter 1:13-16, pray for each other as it pertains to knowing the truth of God's Word, setting our hope in Jesus and pursuing holiness.
2. Identify 1-3 people in your life that you could disciple, or identify those that you are discipling — disciples of Jesus make disciples of Jesus — and pray for them. Pray for each other also as you seek to be used by God as resilient disciple-makers.



Weight of Digital Babylon v. Spiritual Input

Among “typical” 15- to 23-year-olds, estimated number of hours per year ...

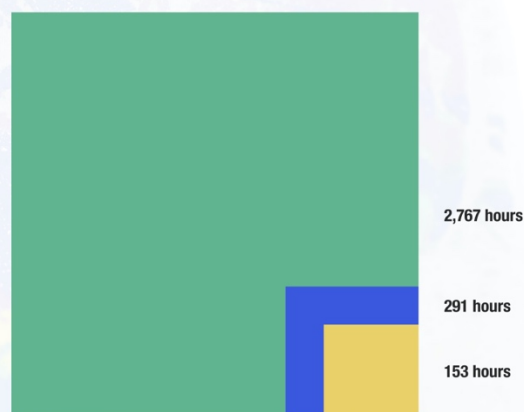
Using screen media

Typical 15- to 23-year-old
2,767 hours

Taking in spiritual content

Typical 15- to 23-year-old
153 hours

Typical 15- to 23-year-old churchgoer
291 hours



n=1,514 18-29 year olds who grew up as Christians | February 2018

The New Moral Code

The best way to find yourself is to look within yourself (91%)

People should not criticize someone else's life choices (89%)

To be fulfilled in life you should pursue the things you desire most (86%)

The highest goal in life is to enjoy it as much as possible (84%)

People can believe whatever they want, as long as those beliefs don't affect society (79%)

Any kind of sexual expression between two consenting adults is acceptable (69%)

Source: Good Faith, David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, 2016

