

# Philadelphia Church

Dwelling in the Secret Place

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# Acts 2:36-43

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

# Question

How much of what we do, in any given day, is a distraction?

# Mark 1:35

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

# Matthew 14:23

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

# Luke 6:12

12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

# Quote

“There are always distractions if you allow them.” -  
Tony Larussa



# Psalm 139:15

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

# Psalm 32:7

7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

# Psalm 91:1-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

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9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

# Quote

“Subconsciously, many of us must see the "secret place" as a distraction itself or we would be going there more often.” - DF

## AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPENT ON SOCIAL



**YOUTUBE**

**40 MINUTES**



**FACEBOOK**

**35 MINUTES**



**SNAPCHAT**

**25 MINUTES**



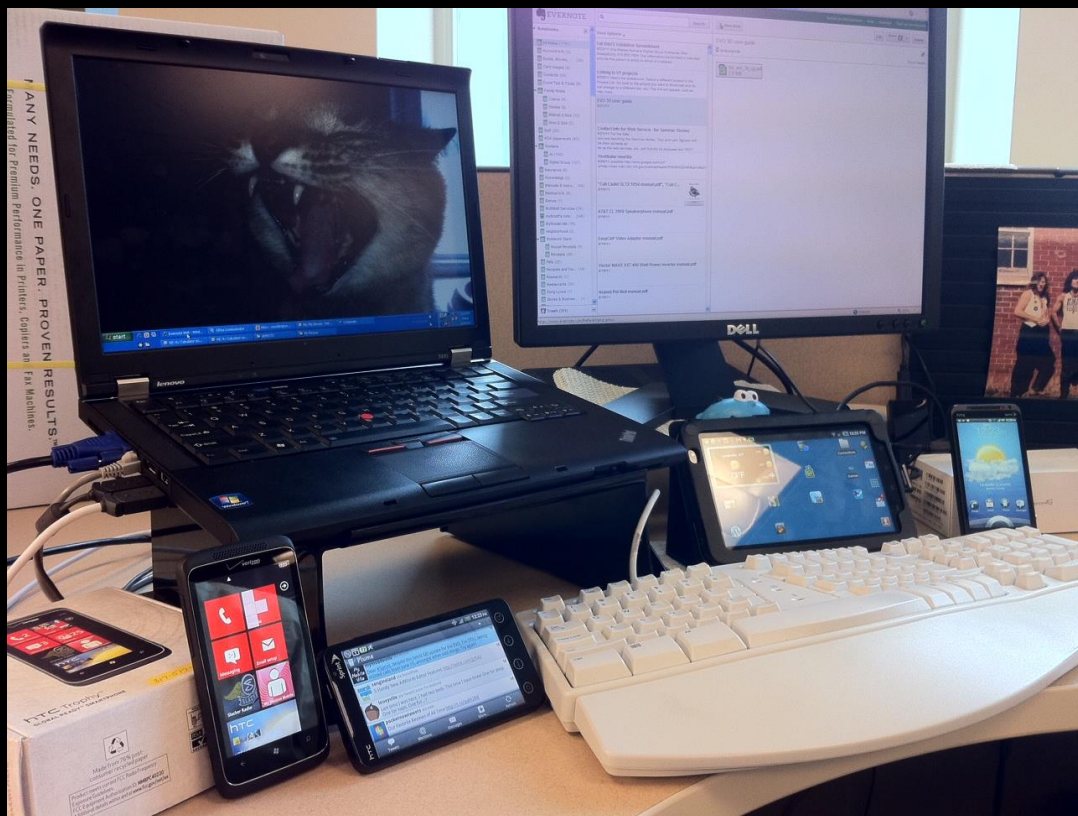
**INSTAGRAM**

**15 MINUTES**



**TWITTER**

**1 MINUTE**



# Psalm 27:5 NIV and KJV

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.





# Matthew 6:6

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

# The Secret Place Defined

It's a place of spiritual rest that remains constant, in spite of outward circumstances.

# John 15:4-5

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.