



Plugged in, turned on, and Tuned in

If you wanted your radio to work, the very first thing you would have to do is get it plugged in, turned on, and tuned in. You will not have a good experience unless you can do all the three things.

1. Plugged in

Plugging in is about being born again. The first step to live a victorious life is to change kingdoms. We have to be born again. Anyone who is not born again is not plugged in and therefore cannot be switched on and finally tuned in.

A. John 3:3 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

a) It is through our relationship with Jesus that we get plugged in. No Jesus = Unplugged.

b) If you are born again, you are plugged in and therefore, a third of the work is accomplished.

2. Turned on

As much as it is essential to have your radio plugged in, it will do you no good if it is not turned on. Although we are already born again (plugged in), if we want to have a victorious Christian life, we want to be turned on. A radio that is not turned on could be as useless as a no radio.

A. Romans 12:1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the

renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

- a) The verses above give us a way we can get turned on. **It is through the renewing of our minds.** You can forget a victorious Christian life without changing and lining your thoughts, beliefs, values, and philosophy according to God's Word. A defeated believer is one who has an unrenewed mind. This person thinks and acts like the world.
 - b) In this place of being turned on (renewing our minds), is where we learn to live holy and godly lives as we present our bodies as a living sacrifice unto the Lord. It is also where the fire and passion of God's love begins to burn in our hearts because of a renewed mind.
- B. Joshua 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”
- a) True and good success comes through knowing the Word of God and meditating on it.
- C. Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”
- a) If we are going to bring forth fruit as Children of God, we need to be turned on through God's Word. John 15:16 “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”
 - b) We were created unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
 - c) We furthermore need a revelation of Grace of God which is the Gospel, the Word of Truth which causes people to bring forth fruit (Colossians 1:5-6).

3. Tuned in

After plugging in and turning our radio on, we want to tune in. This is critical if we want to hear clearly. This is important if we want to be able to understand the broadcast.

Some believers are turned on, but they have not set their radio on the right channel. Being born again and renewing your mind is not all there is. You have to get your mind stayed and fixed on the Lord and/or the things of God.

We ought to set our radios on **one channel** and make all the necessary adjustments to get a good signal and clear communication.

- A. Colossians 3:1-2 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."
 - a) One of the ways we tune in is by setting our minds fixed and stayed on the things of God. Until we keep our minds fixed on God, we will not get clear communication.
- B. Romans 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."
 - a) What we are experiencing is not only a product of what we reap and sow, it is also a result of our focus. Spiritual mindedness equals or produces life and peace.
 - b) Many of us cannot hear clearly because we are busy changing stations. We are trying to listen to more than one channel, and we miss what we need to hear from the most important broadcaster and Host.
 - c) Others are tuned in but are busy doing other things and are occupied with the cares of this life, pleasures of this life, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things (Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14).

Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a good way not only to fix or help your tuning in, but it will also bypass your antenna and go straight to the source without any interruption (1 Corinthians 14:2).

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