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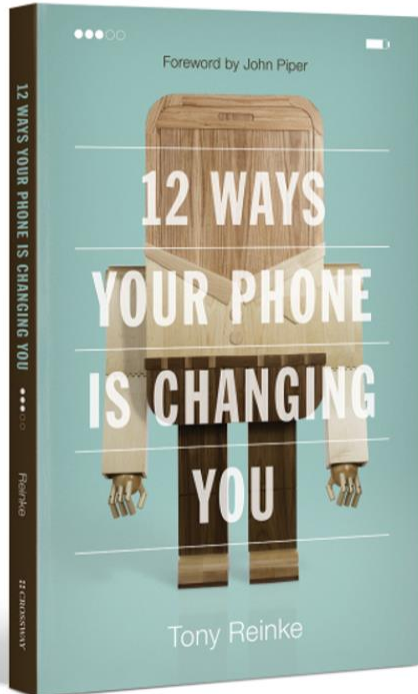
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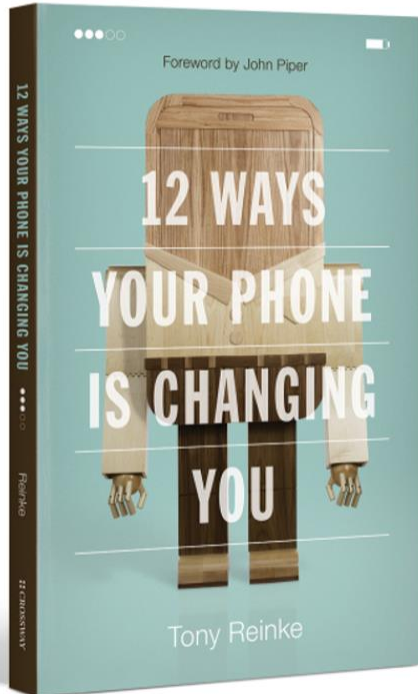
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36% of people between the ages of 18 and 29 in the United States admit that they are online almost constantly



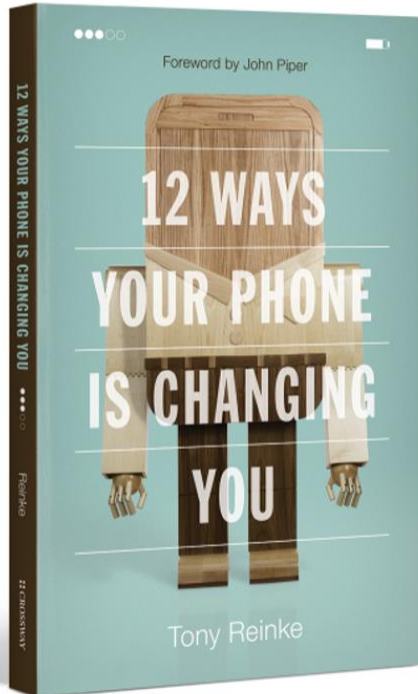
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When we're awake, we check our smartphones every 4.3 minutes of our lives.



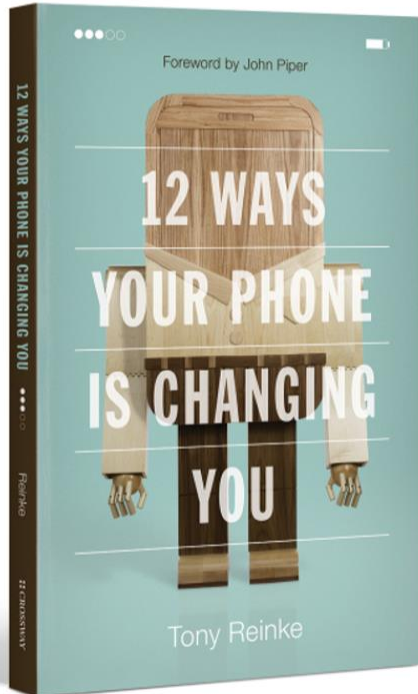
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Smartphones and social media were supposed to cure the loneliness epidemic. We would all be connected, all together, all the time, and none of us would feel alone.



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But the harsh truth is that we can always be alone, even in a crowd, and now, even more so, in a digital crowd.



The smartphone is causing
a role reversal: The desire
to be alone in public and
never alone in seclusion





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Luke 19

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.





Luke 19

4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”





Luke 19

6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”





Luke 19

9 And Jesus said to him,
“Today salvation has come to
this house, since he also is a
son of Abraham. 10 For the
Son of Man came to seek and
to save the lost.”





John 15

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants,[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing;





John 15



*15 ... but I have called
you friends, for all that I
have heard from my
Father I have made
known to you.*

God not only wants us to know about him; he wants us to know him and experience his friendship



John 15



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