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A few questions - posted by jamccor (), on: 2007/2/12 15:53

A few questions for all of you. If you can help me, I would appreciate it very much.

1) Is there a program I can buy that will take an audio sermon and translate it to text? I have Dragon Naturally Speaking, but cannot figure that out!

2)If I cannot find a program that does this transcribing, then does anyone know where I can get whole text on witnessing ? I have mentioned in previous posts about Ray Comforts classic series and there are so many good messages on there .I would especially like to get the ones that relate to witnessing in text so I can memorize it.

You guys always have good answers and I trust you may be able to point me in the right direction once again
GOD Bless
John

Re: A few questions - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/2/12 15:55

don't know anything about programs.... but a good thing is take a sermon listen then paus....write down what you heard... . :-) takes some time....

but fast isn't always best ;-)

Re: A few questions - posted by MikeH, on: 2007/2/12 16:34

Not a sound guy, but here's my thoughts. I had trouble finding anything that would convert sound to text, except for Dragon Naturally Speaking1 It is easier to go from text to sound than from sound to text.

I would download mp3s and transfer them on to a CD or mp3 player, and then connect the line out, if available (or headphone out, if not - not sure if this is safe) into line-in on sound card. You might need to set options on Dragon to 'listen' to line-in not microphone. Then you ought to be able to get Dragon to work somehow (not very helpful, I'm afraid). There must be other speech recognition software around (XP comes with some elementary stuff, which might be useable?) but whatever you use you will need to learn how to use the software whether its Dragon or not; normally it needs training to understand the person, so you might need to reset it for different speakers.

One thinks you ought to be able to feed an mp3 into some software directly, but I don't know any, and none was obvious on the web.

Sorry, this wasn't really a perfect answer, but I hope it helps a little, and it will put it back to the top of the entries. There ought to be at least one sound engineer that listens to good sermons on SI that can give you a better answer?1?

Mike

PS We could start a whole new rabbit trail on whether its right for Christians to use Dragon software, but better not. 8-)