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Is Someone Listening in on Your Cell Phone? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/7/9 14:28

This is kind of scary and cool at the same time! Some of you have probably already seen this, I'm usually the last to get something or read it!

There is a video on the page (5.26 sec), if you have time. You will be amazed how people can listen in on your cell phone conversations and... and... listen in on your conversations WITHOUT you using your phone! That was an eye opener for me!

I usually always take my cell phone out and lay it on the table so I can see if it vibrates - not anymore!!

(<http://www.wthr.com/global/story.asp?s9346833>) Tapping Your Cell Phone

This will really get our (Christian's) attention! If your gossiping, you better stop and make sure your yeah is yeah and your nay is nay! Anybody, boss, enemy, spouse, friend or foe could be spying on us!!

I don't know, I see end times written all over this!! Ole Tim LaHaye didn't know about this when he was writing those books! With this software, if you have a cell phone, they will find you!

What do you think about this?

God bless you guys!!

Re: Is Someone Listening in on Your Cell Phone? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/9 14:43

Yes, I heard of this.

Several years ago there was a problem among some folks and I would share my perception of this via cordless phone. I could never figure out how my perceptions became public knowledge. Then I heard that if someone had the right kind of gadget, even they could listen in on it if you are using a cordless phone. Then I resolved to not ever discuss this situation via cordless phone but always on a corded one. Interestingly, all this perverted feedback came to an end. I still have no idea whether someone else was eavesdropping in on me or not, but I am convinced one must be extremely careful when you say on your phone - you never know who may be listening in...this is a lot different from the days of party line phones when you knew if someone was eavesdropping.

Let me share a story- a grandmother was well known to eavesdrop on phone conversations. One day two people were discussing a situation in which she was well familiar with but they were mistaken on a certain point so she interrupted and corrected them, much to their amusement!!

Yep, we come a long way...like it or not.

ginnyrose

Re: Is Someone Listening in on Your Cell Phone?, on: 2009/7/9 16:12

Congress broadened spy powers after 9/11 to include much, much more non-warranted "wire" taps, and they are now a part of life. Though we primarily listen in for National Defense issues, who knows how much more? Also, the cat is out of the bag, which also means that private companies have technologies to do the same, as well as criminal enterprises and foreign entities.

In 2003, Right at the beginning of the Iraq War, an international team of evangelicals traveled to Bagdad, and held meetings there. One of them was a Church Planter I knew from Korea, and he called me several times for prayer, and giving me a report. This was before the sectarian conflict, the IUD's and all.

He then went into IRAN, at the time of the Earthquake there at BAK, a then devastated city, as he ministered there; he also called me.

I began to hear these odd little clicks on my cell phone, and once I thought I backtracked and heard someone's conversation, without a ring on my end. I was convinced I was being tapped; suspected of being a homeland terrorist. I used my new found status to my advantage though. I arranged several, maybe hundreds of preaching episodes, where whoever was tapping me, heard the Good News of Jesus' One and Only holy sacrifice for SIN!...and repentance from dead works.

I have got nothing to hide; I took it in stride for my own advantage, and, yes, they can triangulate the where-abouts of the radio signal to your cell anytime it's turned on, simply by bouncing a signal to you. It is done every day by law enforcement. Welcome to Big Brother!, but not to worry. He has your best interests in mind.

I think it may get more intense before it mellows, Eh? Jesus is still the Lord of his creation though, the last time I checked. Who or what can separate us from His love? EI NADA!

Hallelujah!

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/7/9 16:23

Quote:

-----Welcome to Big Brother!, but not to worry. He has your best interests in mind.

:-P

Actually, I just figured this out the other day - and the best part is that we are paying for it. By the way, if they can turn on your speakers, they can turn on your camera - and I would image that they can easily do the same thing with your computer.

The only way that we are "safe" is to have nothing to hide.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/7/9 19:13

Quote:

-----Brothertom wrote:

I arranged several, maybe hundreds of preaching episodes, where whoever was tapping me, heard the Good News of Jesus' One and Only holy sacrifice for SIN!...and repentance from dead works.... I have got nothing to hide; I took it in stride for my own advantage.

More than anything, this reminded me of the last days but not like in the book "Left Behind" where sat/cell phones helped them! It's looking more and more like we will be **totally** dependent on the Spirit - as it should be! There will probably be

ot be one solitary thing of this world that we will be able to look to! So be it!

I think I would have done the same thing, preaching to the enemy! This is off topic but your preaching reminded me that about twenty years ago, I got a heavy breather like three mornings in a row and I just hung up on him but this one morning I felt the Lord saying talk to him. I was like, "I've work until three AM every night this week, Lord!"

So I said something to the effect of, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself that you have to resort to this?" He didn't say anything. "Do you think Jesus is proud of you?" I could hear his surprise but he didn't say anything. So I continued, "You know He died to deliver you from this. He wants better for you." On the other end I could hear him struggling, "Should I talk to her or not?" He finally said something about how most women wouldn't talk to him. I said It wasn't up to me, the Lord told me to stay on the phone. He was like "Really?" Roughly he talked about growing up in church and how he hadn't been in years. We talked about 10 or 15 minutes and by the end of it, he was asking me what kind of Bible he should get.

Now, THAT was God!!, not me cause I would have hung up, not blinked and slept like a baby. I can only hope that since God orchestrated it, that he actually did go out and get a Bible and read IT!! I haven't thought about that in years.

Quote:

-----Heartsong wrote:

By the way, if they can turn on your speakers, they can turn on your camera -

Ooo, I was thought the same thing!

God bless you guys!

Re: Is Someone Listening in on Your Cell Phone?, on: 2009/7/9 23:20

This is really nothing new. In the olden days anyone can listen in to any conversation for the latest gossip floating around town. When I was growing up some people had party lines, they shared the same line but different phone numbers. When you picked up the phone if the neighbour was on the line you had to wait. But of course these were just local hicks but now we are dealing with bigger hicks with intention. But I am not giving up my cell phone anytime soon, it's a great tool for when you need to call someone when your stranded and I am always somewhere being stranded. :-o

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/7/9 23:57

Quote:

-----But I am not giving up my cell phone anytime soon, it's a great tool for when you need to call someone when your stranded and I am always somewhere being stranded.

You could call upon God. There are no down sides to having Him at your side. His batteries never run low and He doesn't give you brain cancer. Also you don't have to wait for Him to show up - well, maybe, - everything in His timing.

:~)

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/7/10 1:23

I have a few memories about things like this. I used to be able to pick up cordless phone conversations on my radio. Our scanner also used to be able to listen in on cell phone calls.

But probably the best of all that I experienced was when a friend of mine and I used to talk on the phone. We used to say something like 'bomb the White House' and then we would go into a conversation about the Gospel hoping that some agent listening in on our phone call would hear. We did this often, then one night just as soon as Clint said 'Bomb the White House' our phone conversation was abruptly cut off. It was kind of creepy.

Re: , on: 2009/7/10 6:45

If you are not doing anything illegal...you shouldn't have anything to worry about.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2009/7/10 7:27

Illegal?

Nowadays, just being a Christian is 'almost' illegal.

There is crime, and there is sin, and they are not always the same.

Speaking against sin is a crime, but it's not a sin, if you see what I mean.

Anyway, I'll leave it at that.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/10 16:56

Quote:

-----If you are not doing anything illegal...you shouldn't have anything to worry about.

This is my gut reaction but there is still something unsettling to me about it. Why is someone so interested in my affairs? Actually, I think our lives have so little drama I would think our conversations could put a non-involved person to sleep! But then maybe they are suffering from insomnia?? :-{

When I consider how public folks are about their lives - you have Twitter, MySpace, FaceBook and who knows what all, I would think if an Enemy would be interested in charting your life, folks are making it so easy by participating in all these postings.

I am also told that all cell phone conversations are on file at your carriers' headquarters...they have people employed full time to check on conversations requested by law officers and

Ecclesiastes 10:20: "Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter." And they did not even have cell phones or computers...

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2009/7/10 17:07

Quote:

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maybe your just an interesting person...! :-D

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/10 19:06

Reformer wrote:

Quote:

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DUH! LOL

Quote:
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hulsey, can this still be done? and how close do you have to be in order for you to be able to pick up these conversations? The scanners firemen use, do they have the capability to pick up these conversations? or does it require another kind of scanner?

BTW, I am really getting spooked! I'll tell you why: I participate in conversations a lot that are supposed to be confidential! It has nothing to do with national security, I promise...I lend an ear to a hurting relative.

Like I said I always suspected someone was somewhere listening in but that was perhaps 5 years ago...so maybe the scanners have since then become more sophisticated?

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/7/10 20:26

ginnyrose,

I hate to admit it, but my first husband and I had a scanner back in 1992, i think it was...and even back then it could pick up cordless phone conversations, just by riding by someone's house...by the way, I wasn't serving the Lord then and I would never even think about doing that now...but I'm sure that technology has come a long way since then, so there is no telling the things that can be done now! (Side note...I forgot to mention that I was 19...which means I didn't really know better...well I did know better but it was more or less just one of those stupid things you do when you are young...like running away from home and getting married...whole other story...)

In Christ.
Wendy :-D

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/10 20:54

Wendy,

So, it is back to the corded phones?? Now that would be inconvenient! Wonder if you can still buy long cords? I used to feel so liberated when I had a cord that would stretch 20 feet. My, I could cook, wash dishes, do a lot of work and still yak while on the phone...Now we think we would really be tied down if we had to use a corded phone.

Thanks for sharing your perspective.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/7/10 21:31

i've always used cordless phones. i guess i never really thought about anybody caring a hill of beans about what i was talking about. you never can tell though. we don't even own a corded phone. it's sad to say, but there is probably a way to eavesdrop with them (corded phones) also...you would think that people would have better things to do, like study and read the Word or pray, maybe...anyway that's just my thoughts and it's gonna get much worse before it gets better!

In Christ,
Wendy :-D

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/10 23:30

I tend to think someone must be dreadfully bored in order to want to listen in on our conversations. But I have a brother who is hurting and he calls and shares his heart. It is him that I am concerned about. So if you are into gossip, you may hear some juicy tidbits...

Like I said, it is a tad bit unsettling...where can a body go to hide if persecution would settle in? Where can one *hide anything* if you sense someone may be listening?

Maybe this explains how some folks have had money stolen after hiding it....there is a church nearby whose treasurer would take the Sunday's offering home. They have been broken in so one day he hid it in the barn. But would you know? it was found and stolen again which did make some wonder whether he was embezzeling. This is not an isolated incident with these church people - they do not believe in prosecuting law offenders so they were/are targets for criminal activity.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/7/11 0:24

very strange indeed! some people are really too nosy for their own good...why some would eavesdrop. others are just mean, and eavesdrop for criminal reasons...it all points to the times we are living in, i guess. maybe we should just call each other and start preaching and sharing the gospel...that would certainly be something...some folks might even get delivered and saved! :-o well, going to bed now...good night all, or good morning if you're in another time zone...and watch what you say...someone could be listening! :-P

In Christ,
Wendy :-D

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/7/11 2:58

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This was back in the early to mid '90s. (Wow, I just used the phrase 'back in' to refer to the 90's. I'm getting old...lol) I'm sure anything that's sent wireless can be hacked.

All this spy tech is still no match for the One who knows every thought and intention of our hearts. Now that's the ability to hear when we think no one's listening. :)

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/7/11 22:41

Quote:
-----others are just mean

Before the appearance of caller ID I have had annoying calls. If I recall - it has been a LONG time ago..about forgot about it - this caller would call, not say anything but just breathe. So, one day I decided to start reading some scripture...and would you know? this worked! :-) For some reason it was no longer fun to call me!!

EDIT: what did I read? I do not recall exactly but what I did was open the WORD and read the first thing I came to ... Others have tried this with similar results. Old fashioned method to deal with an annoying problem that no longer exists?

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by dunlow64God, on: 2009/7/11 22:47

that's funny...you know that may be a good idea for telemarketers also! wouldn't hurt to try... i usually screen my calls and i never answer strange numbers. maybe i should start answering and start preaching to 'em! ;-)

Wendy :-D

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2009/7/11 22:48

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That's great!