

I Don't Know About That Technology: A Love/Hate Relatioinship

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The first iPhone was released June 29, 2007. How long did it take you to get one? What is the first phone you remember in your home?

Why are some people resistant to change? To new ideas? To new technology?

Psychology Today describes "confirmation bias" like this: "We pick out data that makes us feel good because they confirm our prejudices. Thus, we become prisoners of our assumptions."

Based on this description, are you guilty of "confirmation bias"?

In what ways did Jesus introduce "new" things (Ideas, ways, religion)?

Read Matthew 4:17

The Greek word translated "repent" is Meta - change, and Noeo - mind. It literally means to change one's mind, to think differently.

In what areas does Jesus call us to "change our minds"?

Read Luke 4:22-30.

Why did the people get so mad at Jesus? What "new thing" was Jesus presenting?

Read the following contrasting passages and list how Jesus introduced something new:

Deuteronomy 19:21 and Matthew 5:38-30, Luke 6:36

Read Matthew 3:16

What image of God is presented by a dove? How is that image different from the image found in the Old Testament?

Read Luke 15:2 and Matthew 9:11

What image of God is presented in these verses? How is that image different from the image held by the people?

Read Isaiah 43:19

What does the prophet say about how God works? If God does new things, how should we respond to new things?

The teaching contrasted characteristics of an open-minded person with a closed-minded person. Which are you?

A closed-minded person doesn't want his/her ideas challenged.

An open-minded person realizes the need to possibly change his/her mind.

A closed minded person is convinced he's right.

An open-minded person genuinely believes he could be wrong. A closed-minded person seeks to be understood. An open-minded person seeks to understand.

An open-minded person eats humble-pie daily. He knows he doesn't know everything. A closed-minded person never touches the pie. He actually thinks he knows it all.

What do you think of Einstein's quote: "The measure of intelligence is the ability to change."

If that's true, how intelligent are you?