



DAILY MOMENTS

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DAY ONE HUNDRED-NINETEEN: "BLUE ANT SPEAK TO ME"

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
Ephesians 4:29

Have you noticed that there is a push to pass a law in North Carolina to outlaw talking on your cell phone while driving? It's the truth. Shirley and I wanted to get a hands-free device for our cars before the law was passed and the price for hands-free devices went through the roof. So we went to Best Buy and talked with this very knowledgeable lady who told us about the devices we need and how easy and popular they were.

Since I have an iPhone and Shirley has a Motorola with Verizon we had to get different devices. Well, the purchase was made and two happy campers headed home thinking that things would be better and we would be ahead of the curve when it comes to hands-free devices for our cell phones.

I set up mine first and it seemed easy as it paired with my phone and transferred my contact list from my phone to the device. I was impressed. Everything was ready to go. All I needed to do was give it the right recognition words and it would do what I needed for it to do.

The key words are "Blue Ant, speak to me." The Blue Ant device replies; "say a command." This is where I get all lost, and confused, and downright mad. I say: "call" and it calls the last number that called me... and I can stop it. I say wait! Cancel! End Call! And a few other things but it still calls the last number that called me. I say "Dial" and it re-dials the last number I called. Same is true here. I can't get it to stop.

Finally, I can say; "Telephone" and it will go to the voice activation on my iPhone where I can say call so and so. The problem is that it has called many so and so's that I didn't intend to call. I can't stop those incorrect calls either. I think I will use this device just to answer calls to my cell phone. Supposedly, all I have to do is say "accept" the call or "ignore" it. (We'll see?)

If you see me going down the road screaming at my sun visor... you will now that I am having a heated conversation with my "Blue Ant." Hopefully you will not witness a blue ant flying out of my window. Pray for me!

Isn't life like that sometimes? We want someone to speak to us and yet they and us have difficulty communicating. God tries to communicate His love to us and show us how we should pair (join) our life with His. Only as we pair our lives with God can we communicate with God and receive His communication with us. You won't need a blue ant to talk with God... just a humble, willing open heart.

Lord, sometimes my communication skills are very poor even when I use devices that are designed to help me do just that easier. I say the wrong words. I make the wrong calls. Draw close to me and join me to you that we may communicate with each other ... heart to heart. Amen.

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