

Desensitization

Text: Ephesians 4:14-19

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I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DESENSITIZED?

- A. Being desensitized means being less sensitive and less likely to feel shock or distress at scenes of cruelty, violence, or suffering.
- B. There is a reduced emotional and physiological reaction to brutality

II. HOW IS ONE DESENSITIZED TO VIOLENCE AND SUFFERING?

- A. Overexposure to violence
- B. Overexposure to sin (*Eph. 4:14-19*)
- C. Hardening one's heart (*Heb. 3:8 | Mark 2:1-5*)
- D. A seared conscience (*1 Tim. 4:1-2*)

III. IS THERE HOPE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DESENSITIZED?

- A. God is one's only hope (*Ez. 36:16-28*)