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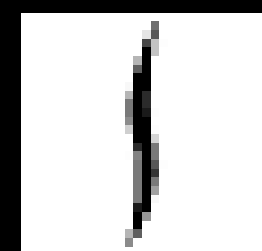




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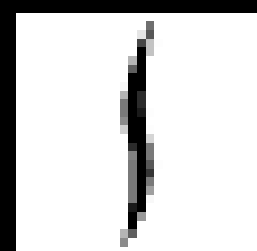




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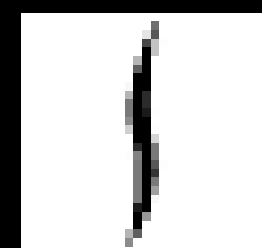
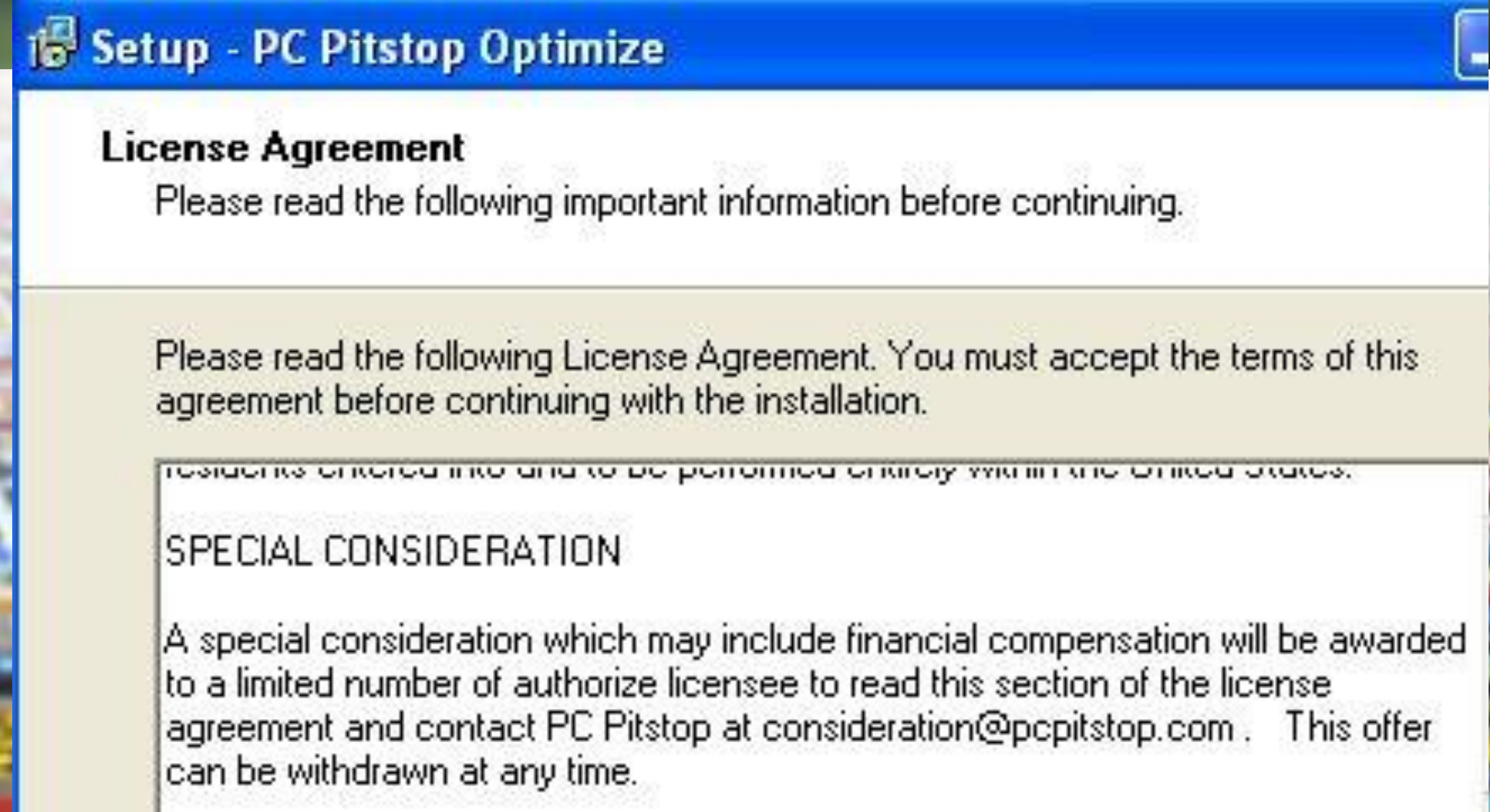




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DISTRACTED:

**BEING DRAGGED AROUND FROM ONE
THING TO THE NEXT**

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MARY HAD CENTERED HER HEART ON
JESUS.



**THE FASTER YOUR LIFE GOES, THE
MORE FOCUSED YOU MUST BE ON
YOUR CENTER IF YOU'RE TO
SURVIVE AND THRIVE.**

**AND WHAT OR WHO IS THE CENTER OF
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SHEMA

TO LISTEN = HEAR AND OBEY

**A DISCIPLE OF JESUS MUST BE ONE
WHO SERVES GOD AND OTHERS.**

**BECAU SE WHAT WE DO WITH JESUS
IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT
WE DO FOR JESUS**

**THEY FORGET THAT LISTENING CAN
BE A GREATER SERVICE THAN
SPEAKING. MANY PEOPLE ARE
LOOKING FOR AN EAR THAT WILL
LISTEN. THEY DO NOT FIND IT AMONG
CHRISTIANS, BECAUSE THESE
CHRISTIANS ARE TALKING WHERE
THEY SHOULD BE LISTENING.**

***BUT HE WHO CAN NO LONGER LISTEN
TO HIS BROTHER WILL SOON BE NO
LONGER LISTENING TO GOD EITHER;
HE WILL BE DOING NOTHING BUT
PRATTLE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
TOO. THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE
DEATH OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, AND
IN THE END THERE IS NOTHING LEFT
BUT SPIRITUAL CHATTER.***

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MARY =AT REST IN MIDST OF CHAOS

**MARTHA =BOTHERED & WORRIED
ABOUT THINGS OUT OF HER
CONTROL**

**PEOPLE ARE OFTEN RESTLESS AND
DISTRACTED BECAUSE THEY DON'T
HEAR GOD'S VOICE.**

**AND MANY TIMES, PEOPLE DO NOT
HEAR GOD'S VOICE BECAUSE THEY
ARE RESTLESS AND DISTRACTED.**

JOHN 10:27

*MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I
KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.*





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HUMILITY

ECCLESIASTES 5:2

*DO NOT BE QUICK WITH YOUR
MOUTH, DO NOT BE HASTY IN YOUR
HEART TO UTTER ANYTHING
BEFORE GOD. GOD IS IN HEAVEN AND
YOU ARE ON EARTH, SO LET YOUR
WORDS BE FEW.*



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***I DO SOME OF MY FIELDWORK AT
STOP SIGNS, AT CHECKOUT LINES
AT SUPERMARKETS. GIVE PEOPLE
EVEN A SECOND, AND THEY'RE DOING
SOMETHING WITH THEIR PHONE.
EVERY BIT OF RESEARCH SAYS
PEOPLE'S CAPACITY TO BE ALONE
IS DISAPPEARING. WHAT CAN
HAPPEN IS THAT YOU LOSE THAT
MOMENT TO HAVE A DAYDREAM, OR
TO CAST AN EYE INWARD. INSTEAD,
YOU LOOK TO THE OUTSIDE.***

**SOLITUDE IS THE PRECONDITION OF
HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH
YOURSELF. THIS CAPACITY TO BE
WITH YOURSELF AND DISCOVER
YOURSELF IS THE BEDROCK OF
DEVELOPMENT. BUT NOW, FROM THE
YOUNGEST AGE—EVEN TWO, OR
THREE, OR FOUR—CHILDREN ARE
GIVEN TECHNOLOGY THAT REMOVES
SOLITUDE BY GIVING THEM
SOMETHING EXTERNALLY
DISTRACTING. THAT MAKES IT**

***I HAVE SO MANY EXAMPLES OF
CHILDREN WHO WILL BE TALKING
WITH THEIR PARENTS, SOMETHING
WILL COME UP, AND THE PARENT
WILL GO ONLINE TO SEARCH, AND
THE KIDS WILL SAY "DADDY, STOP
GOOGLING. I JUST WANT TO TALK TO
YOU."***

PROFESSOR SHERRY TURKLE



LISTENING IS A POSTURE

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LISTENING IS A PRESCRIPTION.

JAMES 1:22

*DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE
WORD, AND SO DECEIVE
YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS.*

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