
BONUS 03 — FREE WITH THE LOOP BREAKER

THE PHONE DETOX BLUEPRINT

Clean Up Your Environment. Remove The Fuel.
Protect The Progress You Are About To Make.

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WHY THIS GUIDE EXISTS

The Door The Enemy Keeps Walking Through

For most men in this cycle, the phone is not just a device. It is the primary entry point. The beginning of the trigger sequence. The first link in the chain that leads to the same place it has always led.

You can work through the entire Loop Breaker protocol with full commitment and still undermine your progress significantly if your phone environment is actively working against you. The protocol builds your defences. This guide removes the weapon that keeps breaking through them.

Think of it this way: if you are trying to stop a fire from spreading, the protocol teaches you how to fight the fire. This guide removes the petrol cans from the room.

You do not need to become a monk. You do not need to delete every social media app permanently. You need a clean, intentional phone environment that is working with your recovery rather than quietly against it. That is what this guide builds.

Work through each section honestly. The audit in Part One will show you exactly where your phone environment currently stands. The action steps in Parts Two through Four will fix it. The 7-Day Schedule at the end makes it practical.

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PART ONE

The Phone Environment Audit

Complete this audit honestly before making any changes. It shows you exactly what you are working with.

Go through each question. Answer honestly. Your answers determine which action steps in the following sections are most urgent for you.

CONTENT ENVIRONMENT

- My Instagram feed regularly surfaces sexually suggestive images or videos even when I am not searching for them
- My TikTok For You Page consistently shows content that triggers the urge or leads me toward explicit content
- I follow accounts on any platform that post content I know leads me toward the cycle
- I have apps on my phone that I primarily use for accessing explicit content even if they were not downloaded for that purpose
- My phone is the last thing I look at before sleeping and the first thing I reach for when I wake up

BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS

- I have a regular pattern of late-night phone use in private that often leads toward the cycle
- I have used private browsing or cleared my browser history to hide my activity
- When I block access on one app or platform, I find a different route through another within days
- I use my phone as a primary source of stimulation during boredom or idleness

YOUR AUDIT SCORE

Count how many boxes you checked: _____ out of 9

1 to 3 checked: Your environment needs minor adjustments. Focus on Parts Two and Three.

4 to 6 checked: Your environment is actively working against your recovery. Complete all four parts of this guide before beginning day one of the protocol.

7 to 9 checked: Your phone environment is one of the primary drivers of your cycle. Complete this entire guide today, before anything else.

PART TWO

Cleaning Up Social Media

Platform by platform. Specific settings. No guessing.

INSTAGRAM

- Unfollow every account that has posted sexually suggestive content in the last 30 days. Do this now, not later. Later does not come.
- Go to Settings — Notifications — turn off all notifications from accounts you do not have a personal relationship with. Reduce the number of times the app pulls you in passively.
- When the Explore page surfaces triggering content, hold down on the post and select "Not Interested" and "See Fewer Posts Like This." Do this consistently for two weeks and the algorithm adjusts.
- Move the Instagram app off your home screen. Put it in a folder on the second or third page. Adding friction to access reduces impulsive opening by over 40 percent in habit research.

TIKTOK

- Go to Settings — Content Preferences — turn on Restricted Mode. This does not eliminate all triggering content but significantly reduces the algorithm's tendency to surface it.
- When triggering content appears on your For You Page, press and hold — select "Not Interested." The TikTok algorithm responds faster than any other platform to consistent negative feedback. Two weeks of consistent feedback retrains the feed significantly.
- Set a daily screen time limit of 30 minutes maximum within the app settings. When the limit is reached the app locks. This does not prevent you from overriding it but it creates a pause — and the pause is often enough.
- If TikTok is your primary trigger entry point and the above steps are not sufficient, delete it for 30 days. Reinstall after completing the first phase of the protocol when your defences are stronger.

TWITTER / X AND YOUTUBE

- On Twitter/X: Go to Settings — Privacy and Safety — turn off personalised ads and sensitive content. Unfollow or mute any accounts that consistently surface sexual content.

- On YouTube: Clear your watch history and search history. Go to Settings — History and Privacy — pause watch history for 30 days. This resets the recommendation algorithm completely.
 - On both platforms: use the "Not Interested" and "Don't Recommend This Channel" functions aggressively for two weeks after the reset. The algorithm learns from your behaviour. Teach it intentionally.
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Browser, Apps and Night Settings

The specific technical steps most men skip because they seem small. They are not small.

YOUR BROWSER

- Clear all browser history and cached data today. Go to your browser settings and delete everything. This removes the stored pathways that make triggering content easier to find again.
- Set your browser's default search engine to a filtered option. On Chrome and Safari you can install content filtering extensions. SafeSearch on Google is not foolproof but it raises the friction significantly for passive stumbling.
- Remove saved passwords for any sites you have previously accessed for explicit content. Make access require the full manual effort of logging in from scratch. Friction is your ally here.
- Consider installing a DNS-based content filter at the network level. Cloudflare's 1.1.1.3 for Families is free, takes five minutes to set up, and blocks adult content at the network request level before it even loads.

APPS AND PHONE SETTINGS

- Delete any app you primarily use to access explicit content. Not archive — delete. If there are apps you tell yourself you use for other reasons but consistently use as an entry point, delete those too. You know which ones they are.
- Enable Screen Time (iPhone) or Digital Wellbeing (Android) and set daily limits on the apps that most frequently become entry points. Set the limit to require a passcode to override — use a passcode you will not remember easily.
- Turn off all non-essential notifications. Every notification is an invitation to open the phone. Reduce the number of invitations.

THE NIGHT PROTOCOL

The single highest-risk phone window for most men is late evening alone. This is the window where most falls begin. These three steps address that window specifically.

- Set a phone curfew: the phone goes into another room at a fixed time each night — 10pm is a reasonable starting point. Charge it outside the bedroom. This one step eliminates the late-night private window that precedes a significant percentage of falls.
 - Enable Do Not Disturb automatically from your curfew time until morning. No notifications. No screen. No invitations.
 - Replace the late-night phone habit with one deliberate alternative: reading, journaling, or prayer. It does not need to be long. Ten minutes of something intentional creates the new groove that replaces the old one over time.
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What To Fill The Space With

A clean phone with nothing in it creates a vacuum. A vacuum gets filled. Fill it intentionally.

Removing triggering content without replacing it with directed content leaves the same amount of idle phone time with fewer options. The brain will find something to fill that space. You want to choose what it finds.

The replacement content does not need to be exclusively spiritual or educational. It needs to be genuinely engaging enough to compete with the pull of the old content. Here are specific categories that work:

CONTENT THAT BUILDS SOMETHING

Podcasts and YouTube channels specifically about what you are trying to build — your business, your finances, your skills, your craft. When the phone is associated with growth rather than escape, the identity shift accelerates. Subscribe to three to five channels in this category today and make them your default scroll.

CONTENT THAT ANCHORS YOUR FAITH

Download the YouVersion Bible app if you do not have it. Set a daily reading plan. Follow two or three ministers or teachers on YouTube whose content consistently challenges and feeds you. When the phone becomes a source of spiritual input rather than spiritual damage, the association changes.

CONTENT THAT CONNECTS YOU TO PEOPLE

The cycle thrives in isolation. Use your phone deliberately to maintain real relationships — voice notes, calls, meaningful messages. When the phone is associated with genuine human connection rather than private escape, its role in your life changes fundamentally.

CONTENT THAT REQUIRES ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

Reading apps like Kindle. Language learning apps. Strategy or puzzle games that require actual thinking. Any content that demands active mental participation rather than passive consumption is

resistant to the kind of mindless scrolling that leads toward triggers. Install one of these and make it your default idle-time option.

The 7-Day Phone Detox Schedule

Do not try to do everything at once. This schedule spreads the actions across seven days so each change has time to become a habit before the next one is added.

DAY	ACTION
Day 1	Complete the Phone Audit. Delete explicit content apps. Clear all browser history.
Day 2	Clean up Instagram and TikTok. Unfollow triggering accounts. Move apps off home screen.
Day 3	Set up browser filters. Enable Screen Time or Digital Wellbeing with passcode limits.
Day 4	Install Cloudflare 1.1.1.3 DNS filter. Clear YouTube and Twitter history and restart recommendations.
Day 5	Set your phone curfew time. Enable automatic Do Not Disturb. Charge phone outside bedroom from tonight.
Day 6	Install replacement content. Subscribe to three growth or faith-based channels. Set a daily Bible reading plan.
Day 7	Review all changes. Identify any remaining gaps. Lock in the night protocol permanently. Begin the main protocol.

Your phone is not the enemy. But in its current state, for most men in this cycle, it is the primary weapon being used against them. This guide removes that weapon from reach. What you do with the space it creates is your work. Begin the main protocol now.

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