

SermonIndex Support :: Conversion of cassettes to MP3s**Conversion of cassettes to MP3s - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/10/21 8:07**

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Re: Conversion of cassettes to MP3s - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/21 8:21

Hey Ed,

Sure you could use Nero to do this quite easily but might want to wait for another geek to come along with more expertise, I mean someone with more technical knowledge... :-)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/21 10:42

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"but might want to wait for another geek to come..." did someone call me?? hehe. Hi brother Ed, you could always hire me on the church staff to be the official tape convertor. Ok seriously, you will need a half-decent tape deck, good cables to go from the tape deck to the sound card, you will need to get a half-decent sound card most will add noise to the recording unless you start to get sound cards in the \$150-200 range. Software wise you could use a free package called Audacity, or purchase one like: Soundforge (I use this one). Also I use total recorder to do the conversion of wav to mp3 and to record other things sometimes. So totalrecorder is a cheap software alternative. Let me know if you have more questions at all! :-)

Re: - posted by disciplejosh (), on: 2004/10/21 11:47

Ed,

It takes forever, but the quality is good...we used to simply record them from tape to cd in the sound booth at church. If you're set up for it, that's an easy way where you won't lose a lot of quality (plugging the tape deck directly into the cd writer deck).

Re: Conversion of cassettes to MP3s - posted by garoak (), on: 2004/10/21 12:34

Hi I use a program called audacity you can download it from "nonags.com" free! it is very easy to use all you need is a tape deck, and stereo to stereo lead, here it is green on both ends. put in your audio tape into the cassette player plug in the stereo lead into the headphone socket and plug the other end of the lead into back of the sound card of your computer "socket looks the same as headphone socket usually at the back of your computer" Then open up audacity program select "line in" press play on your cassette player and then the record button on the software program. It then records it into your program. It really is very easy to use you can then convert to mp3 and various other files .the program does not come with mp3 converter but it will guide you in downloading one also free!

Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/10/22 11:32

Thanks for all of the comments. Would a boombox work? I don't have a desktop but have a laptop would that matter at all. I'm not sure if my sound card is good enough in terms of the quality.

I thought about purchasing a CD recorder and hooking it up to my stereo. That option seems a little pricey. Unfortunately, we rent the church where we have service and I don't believe using their equipment is a real viable option.

Thanks again for the comments.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/22 12:15

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Brother Ed, yes it could work does your boombox have a "line out" ? and does the sound card in your laptop have a "line in"? ie (microphone). get a cable that works between the line out on the boom box and the line in with the sound card and you should be fine. Thats how I started out at SI recording stuff that way. The quality wasn't perfect but it got the job done. ;-)

Thanks Greg - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/10/22 14:58

Yes it does. I'll give it a try and see how it goes. Thanks for the help!

Ed

Re: Thanks Greg - posted by disciplejosh (), on: 2004/10/22 23:54

Bless you, Ed. Let us know how it all turns out.

Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/11/10 21:51

I bought an external sound card called Instant Music from a company called ADS Tech and then connected a tape deck to the sound card and then connected the sound card to the laptop. It works pretty well and the quality is quite good. Cost about \$70.

Still learning the best way to do this. The best thing is that I get to hear the sermons again! The software came with it and it's Audio Editing software from Nero. I also got a six foot cable. Not a bad deal I suppose.