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Christian Worldview Seminar

The Christian & Technology

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The following message is an attempt to condense a 15-week Bible College Course on Technology - into a palatable, helpful, and most importantly, Biblical message.

We have a formidable task in front of us - facing technology today is like fighting the Titans...and we're all deeply embedded in it.

Take the phone for example - almost all of us have one, right?

That phone can be used for GOOD.

It can be used as an *instrument* to **worship** God, it can be used as a *tool* to **build-up** the people of God, and it can even be used as a *weapon* to bring souls **into** the Kingdom of God - simply through communication.

The technology is amazing. You can call someone on the other side of the world, your voice travels as an electrical signal, modulated onto radio waves, right around the speed of light - over 186,000 miles per second.

You can tell someone in Cambodia, or South America, "Jesus loves you! He died for you, for all your sins. But He rose from the dead, he conquered the coffin, He gutted the grave, He defeated death! Friend, if you're willing to turn from your sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you will be saved, set free and forgiven - **forever**; the God of the universe will heal your broken heart."

And you can lead someone to God's throne, right there through that 6-inch phone.

It can be used to save lives!

BUT - that same phone can also be used to **destroy** lives - in so many ways.

It's utterly, thoroughly, downright dangerous!

You have whole wide world, which is under the sway of the wicked one according to 1 John 5:19, right there at your fingertips; it's with us pretty much 24/7.

Studies have shown that 65% of the world sleeps with their cell phones within reach.

Studies have shown that anywhere from 25 to 57% of **all people on planet earth** - are addicted to their phones.¹

Addicted to texting, sexting, games, social media, and pornography.

It can certainly be used for good, but it's often used for bad – people wasting their time, doomscrolling, ultimately **wasting** their lives. It's been said, "*We cannot kill time without impacting eternity.*"

Technology can be a **tool**, a **toy**, or even a **tragedy** where some - - end up **losing** their life.

My heart breaks when I see all the people in their own little world, separated from family and friends – while they're all on the phones.

It's called phubbing – short for "phone snubbing."

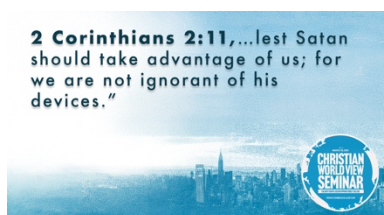
I'm guilty of it at times. And here I am on my phone, and there you are on your phone, we're ignoring one another in what used to be a social setting. It can ruin relationships and negatively impacts mental health.

This is why many young people are deep in depression, struggling with suicidal thoughts - largely due to the misuse of technology.

It cannot be overstated; this theology of technology becomes is radically relevant!

The bottom line is, we need the Jesus and nothing less than the power the Holy Spirit; we need our Father to grant us a **Biblical worldview, when it comes to technology.**

Here in 2 Corinthians Paul is writing to the church, instructing them to forgive a repentant man...and in **2 Corinthians 2:11**, he gives us what we call a "Principal Warning," "...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."



And that's part of the appeal - let's **not** let Satan take advantage of us, in any way, any longer!

Let's **not** be ignorant of his devices, of his schemes, of his intentions – as a matter of fact, let's sanctify the cell phone so it becomes **God's** device not Satan's - let's consecrate that computer for Christ; let's talk to God about technology, in prayer! Ask God Himself how

¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/study-finds-nearly-57-of-americans-admit-to-being-addicted-to-their-phones/>

He wants us to use it, or **not** use it; and if He does call us to certain platforms, like Tik Tok, Instagram, and YouTube – let's make it **God's** device.

"...lest Satan should take advantage of us..."

When John McCarthy pioneered artificial intelligence (AI), perhaps the enemy dreamed of the day that computers and robots would reach manipulative self-awareness – he may have intended it for evil, but let's take Paul's words to heart, let's determine not be ignorant of Satan's devices!

I commend you for attending this conference, for studying the Scriptures, knowing the simple answer for **Artificial** Intelligence is **Biblical** Intelligence, from the heart.

Ultimately not simply knowing the Word of God, intellectually, but knowing God, personally.

Today we'll see:



3 Words on Technology:

I. IDENTITY

II. SOVEREIGNTY

III. RESPONSIBILITY

I. (IDENTITY) What is Technology?

A simple definition of technology might surprise us.

We immediately think of the Silicon Valley, and the computer industry; but the actual



Definition of technology, "The application of scientific knowledge for practical and industrial purposes..."

Bottom line, *"Technology is applied science..."*

Examples of technology would be everything from the wheel that rolls, to the satellites that circle our earth. (8,000+)

Technology would include the nice chairs in the church, the medicine that some of us take, the microphone, the architecture, the air conditioner, the electrical power that can light up this room, and the nuclear power that can light up the world.

It's important to know the true IDENTITY of technology because then we realize that it must be dealt with according to Biblical principles.

We can't explicitly find phones in the Bible, we don't see social media in the Scriptures, we might not have the world wide web in the Word, but we DO have principles of technology.

When we understand that technology is applied science **within** God's creation. When we understand that technology includes technique...it helps with the navigation.

The Bible does reveal in **Daniel 12:4** that in the end times knowledge would increase and people would travel to and fro – and here we today, living in the last of the last days where technology is increasing exponentially - and talk about travel (planes, trains, and automobiles).

I believe God wants us to use technology to reach the world!

First IDENTITY (applied science). Second word:

II. SOVEREIGNTY

This speaks of God's supreme power and authority, how He rules over everything.

Yes, Satan and man rule to a certain extent, but God **over**-rules.

Some might object, and ask the question, "If God is good and **sovereign**, why is there evil in the world?" The answer is a combination of free will which God has granted us and simultaneously His ability to make all things work together for good (Romans 8:28); His power to take the pain and give it purpose.

God doesn't **author** evil, but He **allows** it; and one day we'll see Genesis 50:20 come to pass in our lives, that what the enemy intended for evil God will use for good.

And so, this word "sovereignty" is important in technology.

Let's turn to Genesis 4.

Most of you know that Cain killed Abel.

But have you ever wondered why didn't God kill Cain for killing Abel? We know God **does** command capital punishment for murder...but God spared Cain's life.

Have you ever wondered why?

We can't be certain about this - perhaps it was because the law had not been clearly laid down yet in the letter, but some, (including myself), believe that the reason may very well be for the simple reason that through the lineage of Cain we would get a plethora of

technology, and that would be passed on to Noah's family, who would pass it on to the world.

As a matter of fact, it was Cain, who, in one sense, invented "city life".

Genesis 4:16–22a, "16Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. 19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. 20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. 22 And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron..."

It's fascinating that God would bring all this up.

This is the first time we find the word "city" in the Bible.

As we read down through the lineage of Cain, we find that through him we have inventors and innovators, that are not named anywhere else in the Bible.

Abel kept sheep, but **Jabal** raised various livestock. This is new. Jabal will also invent mobile housing, habitable textiles, and animal breeding; what we now call the rudimentary beginnings of genetics.

Jabal had a brother name **Jubal** who also was a genius. He invented music and strings and wind instruments. The music industry is born!

Then along comes a third brother. The industry of tool making begins with **Tubal-Cain**, a man skilled to fashion and sharpen swords and new farming tools. The Bronze Age and the Iron Age are born simultaneously.

God in His gracious rule, allowed Cain to live, and suddenly, through his family, in rapid succession, come invention after invention.

Not only that, listen carefully to the brothers' names—**Jabal, Jubal, Tubal**. That portion of their names that rhyme, are derived from the Hebrew word meaning "to produce."

These men were producers, they were gifted, they were geniuses, it was in their genetics. God was well aware of the fact that all this technology would come through them and in His sovereignty...allowed Cain to live.

Many people assume that elite technologists bubble up by a law of inevitability. But the truth is, one person in a hundred million will be a great inventor.

Each age will get only one or two of them, virtuosos like Archimedes, da Vinci, Edison, Franklin, Ford, Tesla, or Einstein, Gates, Jobs, and John McCarthy. Those who discover new realities and put it all together, are rare.

"Without saying it explicitly, the consensus is that inventors are simply the product of random chance or the result of cream rising to the top. But this idea is misguided."²

There's another passage that teaches something similar.

Isaiah 54:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ "Behold, I have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy. ¹⁷ No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness *is* from Me," says the Lord.

God makes three incredibly specific claims:

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- 1. God** creates (bara) the creators.
 - 2. God** creates (bara) the users.
 - 3. God** governs the outcome of it all!

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The word spoiler is in reference to users, even armies. The users of what the blacksmith makes can range anywhere from farmers to soldiers.

The theology of technology and God's sovereignty over it, means we will not be biting our nails, shaking in our boots, or thinking that the machines will take over, so that the Devil will win.

No, God is sovereign! He creates the creators, He creates the users, and He governs the outcome of it all.

We see the same thing in:

Genesis 11:1–9 (NKJV)

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we

² Reinke, Tony. God, Technology, and the Christian Life (p. 90). (Function). Kindle Edition.

be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

This is technology at work!

We’re not told ***all*** the details as to why approximately 50,000 people on planet earth built the tower. Genesis 11:4 does reveal:

1. They wanted to build themselves a city.
 2. They wanted to build a tower “whose top is in the heavens.” (interesting)
 3. They wanted to make a name for themselves.
 4. They refused to be scattered and fill the earth. (This was against God’s clear command to multiply and fill the earth – Genesis 1:28; 9:1)
- (Other possible reasons)
5. To survive another flood (from God).
 6. To create a portal in the sky, invade heaven, dethrone God, and enthrone humanity.

There is much here, but the main point is that God in His sovereignty limited their technology.

And one day, according to **Revelation 18 (where we read of the future fall of Commercial Babylon)**, God will destroy every evil invention.

*As a side-note, the Tower of Babel also is a precursor to the way people look to technology for Salvation and Satisfaction.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

1. Obedient Faith

Genesis 6:11–22 (NKJV)

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. ¹⁷ And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them." ²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Noah did what God wanted him to do with technology of his day – to save souls and bless the human race.

We must use technology (or not use it), obediently.

2. Diligent Faith

1 Samuel 17:45–47 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

David was skilled in the technology of the sling (we should foster our skills). Remember, technology includes technique.

David wielded his technology – BY FAITH! He didn't trust in it, he trusted in God and used it for God's glory.

TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHEN THE HEART IS RIGHT.

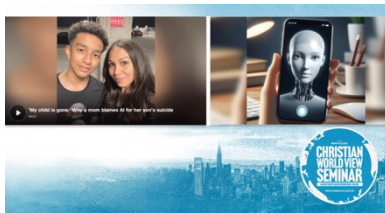
Back in 1965 Calvary Chapel began as the Holy Spirit moved through a man named Chuck Smith, (my Spiritual Grandpa).

It was all God; they were baptizing hundreds, leading up to thousands at Corona Del Mar, it was a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit, but - - in the late 70, there was this cutting-edge technology called "Cassette Tapes."

Calvary Chapel used the technology of the day, by the power of the Holy Spirit to reach more and more people.

This transitioned into CD's, mp3, and today, live streaming.

3. Vigilant Faith (2 Corinthians 2:11)



(Heartbreaking story of 14-year-old, Sewell Setzer who committed suicide after an AI Chabot, he established a relationship with, initiated "abusive and sexual interactions" ultimately encouraging him to take his own life.)

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THIS IS DEMONIC!

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