

TECH AND THE BIBLE

WHAT COULD GOD'S WORD POSSIBLY SAY ABOUT
COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET?!

IS TECHNOLOGY EVIL?

TECHNOLOGY, LIKE COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET,
IS NEITHER GOOD NOR EVIL **BY ITSELF**. IT CAN,
HOWEVER, BE USED FOR BOTH.

*"All things are lawful," but not all things are
helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things
build up. (1 Corinthians 10:23 ESV)*

TECHNOLOGY CAN BE A GOOD THING!

IT CAN HELP US SPREAD TRUTH AND GOOD NEWS AROUND
THE WORLD FASTER THAN WE EVER IMAGINED!

*Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them
to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold, I am
with you always, to the end of the
age." (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)*

TECHNOLOGY CAN BE A GOOD THING!

**IT INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE.
THIS WAS EVEN REVEALED IN PROPHECY!**

*But you, Daniel, shut up the words
and seal the book, until the time of
the end. Many shall run to and fro,
and **knowledge shall increase.**"
(Daniel 12:4 ESV)*

TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO BE A TRAP!

**SATAN IS AN ANCIENT ENEMY, AND HAS HAD THOUSANDS OF
YEARS TO STUDY MANKIND. THE TECHNOLOGY WE USE MAY
BE "NEW," BUT THE DANGERS AND TEMPTATIONS IT PROVIDES
ARE NOT NEW.**

*What has been is what will be, and
what has been done is what will be
done, and there is nothing new under
the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9 ESV)*

TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO BE A TRAP!

**THESE DANGERS AND TEMPTATIONS ARE BASED ON THE SAME
OLD LIES THAT HAVE DECEIVED MANKIND FOR AGES.**

*[The devil] was a murderer from the
beginning, and does not stand in the
truth, because there is no truth in him.
When he lies, he speaks out of his
own character, for he is a liar and the
father of lies. (John 8:44 ESV)*

TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO BE A TRAP!

SATAN'S GOAL IS TO DRAG US DOWN, ENSLAVE US, DEFEAT US, AND ULTIMATELY DESTROY US!

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8 ESV)

HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY BE A TRAP?

TECHNOLOGY CAN BECOME AN IDOL

WE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP GOD ALONE. NOTHING ELSE CAN FULFILL OUR DEEPEST DESIRES – NOT EVEN THE ESCAPE OF THINGS LIKE GAMES AND THE WONDER OF TECHNOLOGY.

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24 ESV)

TECHNOLOGY CAN FEED AN ADDICTION TO SEXUAL SIN

THE INTERNET MADE IT EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE TO ACCESS GRAPHIC SEXUAL CONTENT – SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE SAYS IS CLEARLY DANGEROUS TO US!

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28 ESV)

SOCIAL NETWORKS CAN FEED GOSSIP AND TEAR PEOPLE DOWN

CYBERBULLYING MAY BE NEW, BUT GOSSIPING, SLANDERING, AND TALKING BEHIND SOMEONE’S BACK ARE DEFINITELY NOT.

A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28 ESV)

Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. (Psalm 101:5 ESV)

SOCIAL NETWORKS CAN ALSO BRING OUT THE WORST IN US, HURTING OUR WITNESS

PEOPLE OFTEN FEEL LIKE THEY CAN SAY THINGS ONLINE THAT THEY WOULD NEVER SAY IN PERSON, WHICH CAN DESTROY THEIR REPUTATION AS A CHRISTIAN.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. (James 1:26 ESV)

**WHAT IF WE HAVE BEEN
CAUGHT IN THE TRAP?**

THERE IS HOPE!

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)

THERE IS HOPE!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 ESV)

THERE IS HOPE!

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:11-12 ESV)

HOW CAN WE USE TECHNOLOGY IN A WAY THAT HONORS GOD?

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WATCH AND DO!

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO GET OVERLY ATTACHED TO THINGS THAT DON'T HELP YOU GLORIFY GOD.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it (Proverbs 4:23 NIV)

HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE!

**BROTHERS, IF ANYONE IS CAUGHT IN ANY
TRANSGRESSION, YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL SHOULD
RESTORE HIM IN A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS. KEEP
WATCH ON YOURSELF, LEST YOU TOO BE TEMPTED.
BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL
THE LAW OF CHRIST. (GALATIANS 6:1-5)**
