



Faith
and
Technology

A Biblical Perspective

1. God has Placed us in Exciting Days

²⁶ “And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us” Acts 17:26-27

- new realities & opportunities
- new dangers & distractions

- called to be....

- ambassadors - 2 Cor. 5:18-21

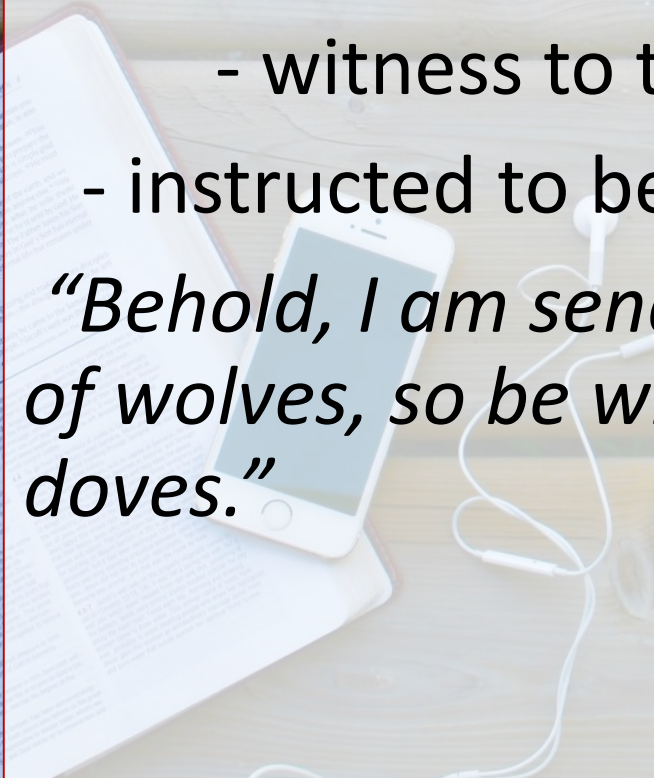
- light to the world – Matt. 5:14

- clear evidence of God’s love – John 15

- witness to the world – Rom. 10:14-17

- instructed to be wise – Matt. 10:16

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”



“Technology was made for humans, not humans for technology. Without critical reflection on our use of it technology will make slaves of us all.” Tony Reinke

Priming the pump – 11 Ways your phone is changing you (book 12 Ways – Tony Reinke)



1. Addicted to distraction, checking phones at an alarming rate, distracting us from God, life & the world around us
2. We ignore flesh and blood in preference to our smartphones
3. We crave the immediate approval that 'likes' provide via social media
4. We are losing literacy and the ability to follow long flows of thought
5. We feed on produced, fantasized images of life, staging our own experiences to produce an inflated image to others

6. We become like what we 'like' dwelling on things we never knew we wanted until they were presented to us.
7. We become lonely as we use our smartphones for semi-personal interactions through apps or to simply block the world around us.
8. We get comfortable with secret vices – sins easily accessed and easily hidden
9. We lose meaning as the quantity of needless information available makes it difficult to access quality or needed information.

10. We fear missing out on information and or affirmation

11. We become harsh letting out our frustration with others in public ways

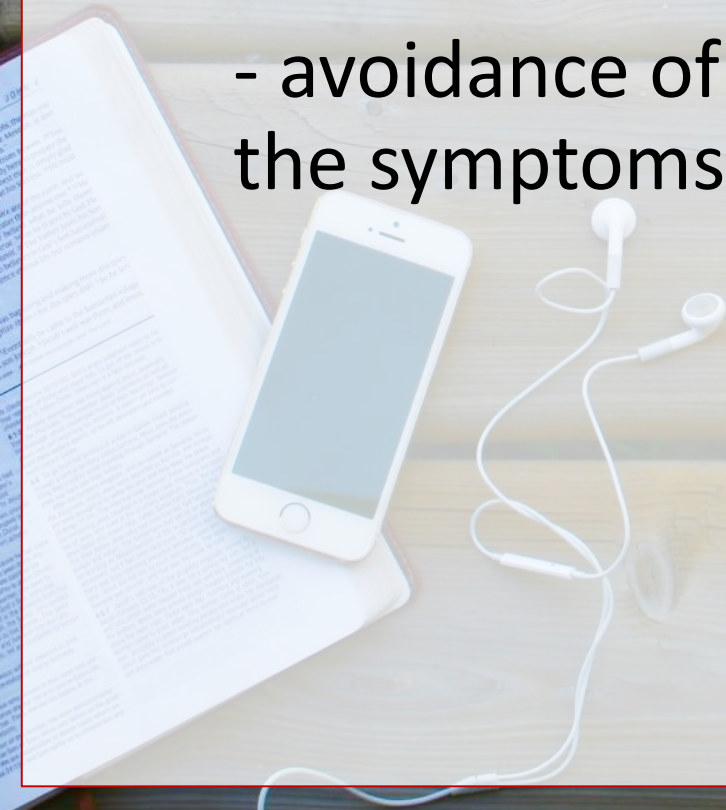
- can have the power to enslave, can be an incredible redemptive tool



2. Faith Community Response

a) observations from the past

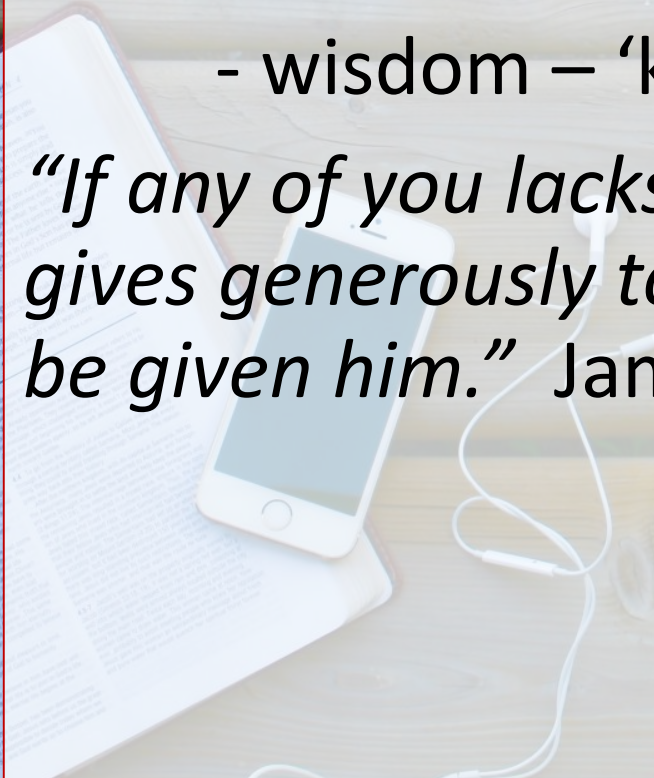
- vilification of things and activities
- legalism surrounding choices & actions
- avoidance of speaking out – addressing the symptoms and speaking into consequences



b) Our Goal

- redeem the opportunity
- equip you with truth to make good choices
- health and resources to choose well
- wisdom – ‘knowledge rightly applied’

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” James 1:5

A white smartphone with white earbuds lying on a wooden surface next to an open book. The phone is positioned diagonally, with the earbuds plugged into the bottom. The book is open, showing text on the pages. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with a visible grain.

3. Key Biblical Truths

a) Our time and attention matter

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Eph. 5:15-17

“For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.” Romans 16:19

b) Guarding Your Heart is Critical

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

- eyes the window to the soul

“We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,” 1 Cor. 10:5

“but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.” 1 Thess. 5:21

- testing and evaluating critical

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” Phil. 4:8-9



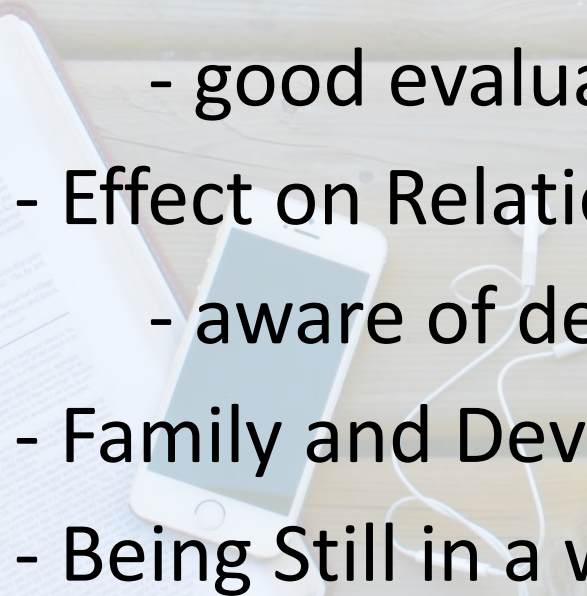
c) called to reflect God & His Glory

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” Col. 3:23



Series Topics

- Let nothing control you
 - gauging it's place & importance
 - Content and Filters
 - good evaluation and truth matters
 - Effect on Relationships & Community
 - aware of design and our desires
 - Family and Development Issues
 - Being Still in a world of Distraction
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So What?

1. Decide to pray and engage in this
 - Holy Spirit will reveal, are you ready to respond?
2. Be mindful of your practices and the place of technology in your daily routine
3. Be open and honest in seeking conversation and conclusions for your health

