

Technology & the Bible

Lesson for Sunday, June 7, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ What is one piece of technology that is integral to your life?
- ⇒ Have you ever given any thought to what the relationship between the Christian and their technology ought to be?
- ⇒ How much does your Christian faith inform the technology you use or don't use?
- ⇒ What are some biblical principles that shape your use of technology?
- ⇒ In this series of lessons, we want to learn what it means to have a biblical worldview of technology in our tech-driven world.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. What is technology?
 - a. Technology has been with us from the very beginning.
 - b. The definition of technology that we will be using is: *Technology is a God-given, man-made tool that shapes our _____, _____ and _____.*
2. Where did technology come from?
 - a. Read Genesis 1:27-30. This is often referred to as the Dominion Mandate, given by God to man.
 - b. When God commands humanity to “fill,” “subdue,” and “have dominion” over the earth, that implies active man-made cultivation, problem-solving, and the development of tools and systems for stewarding creation.
 - c. Later in Genesis 4, we see early examples like city-building, animal husbandry, musical instruments, and metallurgy, showing that human ingenuity develops very early in the biblical story.
 - d. In a very real way, a strong case can be made that technology is a direct outgrowth of _____.
 - e. Technology is not merely a modern invention; it is one of the ways humans exercise responsible _____ under God.
3. Is Technology Good, Bad or Neutral?
 - a. The simple answer to this question is: _____.
 - b. Read Exodus 31:1-11.
 - i. This passage tells us that the Lord filled a man with His Spirit, wisdom, understanding and ability in every craft to design and create things for God's _____ and for the _____ of the people.
 - ii. Those abilities were good and were given to all the craftsmen of the day to create what God had commanded them.
 - c. Read Exodus 32:1-10.
 - i. Almost immediately, God's people went from hearing His instructions about creating a place of worship to using their gifts to create a false image of worship.
 - ii. The tools and abilities they were given for _____ purposes were used instead to _____ against God and His desire to dwell among His people.
 - d. Technology can be used for good, and it can be used for evil. We need God's help!

APPLICATION: THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS – A FRAMEWORK

In our digital age, it is increasingly evident that we are easily distracted and inclined to use our God-given tools such as technology in ways that don't bring glory to God. While this might seem like a new problem, we have seen today that it is an age-old problem. If that's the case, how does the Bible instruct us to use our gifts and talents – and even our technology – to love God?

- ⇒ In the Great Commandment Jesus sums up the entirety of how Christians are called to live in light of God's truths. Read Matthew 22:34-40.
- ⇒ Jesus summarized the entirety of the Christian life – loving God and loving others. Notice how Jesus's command directs us outside of ourselves. Instead of focusing on what we might want or making it all about us, He points to others.
- ⇒ Given how technology has been incorporated into nearly every area of our lives, from our personal life to our families, our work, and even our churches, we must think wisely and biblically about how these tools are shaping and forming us.
- ⇒ The command to love God and love our neighbor extends to every area of our lives, include how we use the technologies that God has given us.
- ⇒ DISCUSS:
 - As we find ourselves in an increasingly tech-dominated world, how have you seen technology impact your ability to love others in a better way?
 - How have you seen a negative impact?
 - Discuss the same thing about our relationship with the Lord? How has technology hurt and helped?
 - If there was one thing you know you need to change about your use of technology, what would it be? Follow-up with: Why wait to make those changes if you know it is something you ought to do?