

## Trust and Love in a Digital World – Part 5

### *Technology and the Christian Life*

Adapted from *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You* by Tony Reinke

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

– 1 Corinthians 10:31

### **Biblical Perspective**

- Technology is good and we should be thankful for it.
- As sinners, we can turn a good thing into a bad thing.
- Therefore, we must evaluate our use/abuse of technology.

### **Challenges We Face with New Technologies**

- Problem of *Distraction* (being drawn away)
- Problem of *People Neglect* (distancing ourselves from those closest to us)
- Problem of *Man's Approval* (seeking glory / 'likes')
- Problem of *Aliteracy* (not reading what matters)
- Problem of *Prosumerism* (consuming and producing 'my' worship)
- Problem of *Techno-Idolatry* (looking to technology to fuel 'me' worship)

### **The Problem of Loneliness**

*'In the big picture, technology offers us many benefits, but with one major pitfall: isolation. Isolation is both the promise and the price of technological advance.'* – Reinke

*How can people become lonely on 'social media'?*

- The price of technology is greater isolation.
- We believe the lie of the false intimacy of social media.
- We prefer the security of easier online interaction.

- We prefer entertainment to engagement.
- We want to avoid silence which isolates us.
- We see our ‘home’ as online.
- We need face-to-face interaction. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18; Proverbs 18:1; 27:17)
- We need communion with God. (Matthew 6:5-6; Psalm 90:14; 16:11)

### **The Problem of Pornography**

*‘The walls of inconvenience that made vices difficult to act on in previous generations have been lowered or eliminated in the digital age.’ – Reinke*

*How have we become trapped in ‘secret vices’?*

- Technology has caused the fall of the walls of inconvenience.
- Technology has opened the door to endless curiosities and forbidden knowledge. (Genesis 2:16-17)
- We believe the lie that sin brings life, not death. (Romans 6:23)
- Technology makes us think that we can indulge in anonymous vices.
- We think that pornography is harmless. (Matthew 5:27-30)
- We need to remember that we are accountable, the greatest reality is unseen, the fight is both internal and external, and satisfaction is only found in the God who created sex. (Matthew 5:27-30; Colossians 3:1-2; 1 Peter 1:13; Hebrews 11:24-26)

### **Conclusion**

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

Guilt? Good? Guide?

- Rest in Jesus and His righteousness alone!
- Hope in God for your Help and Happiness!
- Pursue Love by trusting and obeying God’s Word!