

Brave new world

I. Introduction-

A. Technology in view-

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- Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil. I Thes 5:21

B. God is not surprised-

- Indeed, the Sovereign LORD never does anything until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7
- Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase. Dan 12:3
- He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. ¹⁷ And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. Rev 13:16

Technology= the practical application of knowledge especially in a particular area
medical *technology*, financial *technology*, information storage,
educational *technology*

II. The good, the bad, and the ugly of technology-

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A. The good-

1. Information organized and accessible

- Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. ³ Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Prov 2:2
- Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Jn 8:3

“to organize the world’s information and to make universally accessible”

Googles mission statement

2. Tools for learning about God

3. Videos from around the world-

4. Media and movies-

- Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. Mat 12:25

B. The bad of technology-

1. When technology replaces God-

- How foolish are those who manufacture idols. These prized objects are really worthless. The people who worship idols don’t know this, so they are all put to shame. ¹⁰ Who but a fool would make his own god— an idol that cannot help him one bit? ¹¹ All who worship idols will

be disgraced along with all these craftsmen—mere humans— who claim they can make a god. Isa 44:9

2. When technology makes us proud

- Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. ² If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; ³ but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. I Cor 8:1

3. When technology destroy relationships

The elements of communication:

7% of any message is conveyed through words,

38% through certain vocal elements volume, tone, speed

55% through nonverbal elements (facial expressions, gestures, posture, etc)

C. The ugly of technology-

1. Addictions-

- All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. I Cor 6:12
- His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin. Prov 5:22

2. Cybercrime-

3. False information, fake news, fake science-

- For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. Jn 8:44
- I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. II Cor 11:14

III. Who controls technology, who makes the rules?

- In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Jos 21:24
- Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. Rom 1:28

A. God is still God-

- The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Ps 103:19
- Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. I Thes 5:18
- Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil. I Thes 5:21

1. God is fully present in and on the web-

- LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. ³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Ps 139:1

2. The bible is the user’s handbook for technology

- All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. II Tim 3:16

C. God gives us the wisdom to use technology-

- If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. Jam 1:5

D. The spiritual war in cyber space-

- Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Eph 6:11

A. Test every voice and spirit that we hear-

- Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. ² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist. I Jn 4:1

V. Summary and application

- I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. ³ I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. ⁴ I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil. Ps 101:2