

Lend a Hand: Digital Skills Workshop

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Outline

To help you find your way we're going to talk about:

1. What is technology?
2. The limits of technology
3. Examples of technology
4. How the church uses technology
5. The source of technology
6. Trust in God—not technology
7. Presentation by **South Carolina 811**

Lending A Hand

Technology is with us from the moment we wake up to the time we go to bed, and should be used wisely and for God's glory, as the Bible guides us.

- You can't escape technology.
- It's a part of your everyday life.

Not in a scary sense like being watched by Big Brother. But in the sense that technology plays an essential role in your daily life.

What Is Technology?

According to Merriam-Webster, technology is the invention of useful things to solve problems. To this definition, I'd also add that technology can include the creation of things that make life easier.

This is a broad definition of technology, and it can encompass many facets like communication technology (social media), computer software, and aerodynamics.

Tip!

Start Simple:

Begin with one device or app at a time. Don't try to learn everything at once.

Focus on what's most useful or interesting to you..

The Limits Of Technology

There are countless benefits technology has provided. Over the years, we've observed...

- A decrease in infant mortality
- An increase in life expectancy
- An increased access to clean water
- A greater access to education
- An improvement in transportation
- An ability to connect with anyone, anywhere, at anytime

However...

The Limits Of Technology

There are many problems technology has solved, and there will be many more problems remedied by technology in the future. But despite the progress we've made with technology, there are two glaring problems it cannot resolve:

- The need for the gospel
- The need for face-to-face community

Examples Of Technology Mentioned In The Bible

Here are some examples of technology mentioned in the Bible:

- **Cain's City:** Cain built a city, indicating an advanced stage of civilization (Genesis 4:17).
- **Bronze and Iron Implement Makers:** Tubal-Cain is credited with making various bronze and iron implements (Genesis 4:22).
- **Noah's Ark:** Noah constructed a large vessel to survive the flood (Genesis 6-8).
- **Tower of Babel:** People built a massive tower to reach heaven, demonstrating advanced engineering skills (Genesis 11:1-9).



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- **Solomon's Temple:** King Solomon oversaw the construction of a grand temple in Jerusalem (1 Kings 6).
- **Jesus's Craftsmanship:** Jesus was a carpenter, utilizing tools and techniques of his trade.
- **Paul's Written Communication:** Paul used letters to communicate with his followers and share teachings.
- **Sermon on the Mount Parables:** Jesus uses examples of houses, city gates, and fishing nets in his parables to illustrate spiritual truths.

Examples Of Technology In Everyday Life

- **Household Appliances:** Microwaves, refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, toasters, digital clocks and thermostats.
- **Communication:** Phones (smartphones, landlines), computers, internet access, email, and social media.
- **Transportation:** Cars, buses, trains, airplanes, and even smart bicycles.
- **Entertainment:** TVs, radios, video game consoles, streaming devices
- **Personal Devices:** Fitness trackers, smartwatches, and wearable devices.
- **Health and Medical:** Biosensors, smart thermometers, connected inhalers, and other remote monitoring systems.
- **Agriculture:** Robots, sensors, GPS, and other precision farming tools.



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How The Church Uses Technology

Churches leverage technology in various ways to enhance their ministry, including improving communication, fostering community, and streamlining operations. This can be achieved through online platforms, social media, and various software solutions.

- Website: <https://mtzionblywd.com/>
- Joining a Zoom meeting
- Online Worship and Outreach: ex. [youtube.com/@mtzionbaptistchurchsc](https://www.youtube.com/@mtzionbaptistchurchsc)
- Church Management and Operations: ex. Text Notifications
- Educational and Discipleship Purposes: ex. Bible Study

The Source Of Technology

Technology finds its roots in God. Here's how:

God is the Creator. So he created...

- The universe
- The earth
- Everything in the earth
- Everyone in his image

The Source Of Technology

Since you have been created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), this means—in general—you resemble God.

Think about it.

- Do you desire community?
- Do you have a sense of justice when something is wrong?
- Do you have an instinct to create?
- These instincts find their roots in God, and they were passed along to you from him.

The Source Of Technology

Being created in the image of a Creator means you can create, which simply means you can come up with new ideas and make something. From baking a cake to developing a piece of software, you possess the ability to create.

- As you dream.
- As you follow a vision.
- As you create useful tools to solve problems, you are reflecting God in your creation.
- As new technology is developed or old technology is improved upon, we can trace it back to God as the Creator and Sustainer of everything.

Trust In God—Not Technology

The statement "Trust in God, not technology" reflects a spiritual emphasis on placing faith in a higher power rather than relying solely on advancements in technology. While technology offers benefits and can be a tool for good, it's not a source of unwavering faith or security. Instead, individuals should seek guidance and trust in God for answers, strength, and purpose.

Digital Drop-In: Resource For Church Members

Our E-Missionaries are here to help!

- Casual, welcoming environment for quick help.
- Both the support and the knowledge sharing.
- Schedule an appointment or drop-in.
- Scan the **QR Code** with your phone camera or sign up with a member of the Mt Zion Baptist Church Media Ministry.



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