TOPIC	TECHNOLOGY AND CHRISTIANITY
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MEMORY VERSE	"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." **1 Corinthians 10:31**
BIBLE TEXT	**Daniel 12:1-4**

INTRODUCTION

The bible teaches us that in the last days, there will be an abundance of knowledge **(Daniel 12:4)**. This knowledge includes both generic knowledge and the knowledge of the glory of God **(Habakkuk 2:14)**. Recently, there has been a pervasiveness of technology ranging from self-driving cars to robotics. It will interest you to know that the advancement of technology existed since the Bible days. For example, the use of bricks hardened by fire is seen in **Genesis 11:3**, high rise buildings were constructed in **Genesis 11: 5-6**, doors opened of their own accord, and we saw the first motion sensing doors in **Acts 12:10**, and many more in the Bible. What appears to be new to people now are the fast-paced advancement and adoption of technology and how they expand opportunities for humans. One of the latest innovations in technology in recent times is Artificial Intelligence (AI) and there are varying views as to whether Christians should use Al or not. Some believers tag it as an end-time tool of the devil and the antichrist; others hold that it is a result of being created in God's likeness with a creative mind **(Genesis 1:26-27)**. This lesson will bridge the information gap on technologies such as Al and how they can be purposefully embraced in Christendom.

LESSON OUTLINES

A. TECHNOLOGY EXPLAINED
B. BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY
C. A WORD OF CAUTION

A. TECHNOLOGY EXPLAINED

Technology simply put can be seen as the application of (often scientific) knowledge to change, advance, and ease the way humans live their lives. The advent of mobile phones, for example helped to cause communication between loved ones, the invention of cars by Karl Benz in 1886 helped provide a better means of transportation of humans, goods, and services. Like you must have heard or read about, there is a seemingly new technology in town called artificial intelligence (A.I.) that was developed to imitate human intelligence in machines, enabling such machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. These A... tools can learn and make decisions from available options, just like humans. They can be used to finetune your resume, generate an image from a text, design a website, or even to mimic your voice. In fact, it can take your voice and your picture and then generate a video of you.

As you are possibly thinking, isn't this a two-edged sword? Like most things in life, it is a two-sided coin that must be used carefully. This is the essence of today's teaching – to open your eyes to the pros and cons of these technological tools like cars, airplanes, and social media (meant to improve life) these tools are created by scientists and engineers whom God has given creative ability to improve lives **(Exodus 31:2-4)**. However, they can become the controller and caretaker of man. This can degenerate into humanity worshiping the works of their hands-idolatry **(Deuteronomy 5:8-9)**.

B. BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY

The use of technology has several benefits for Christians.

1. They can quickly aid access to a wealth of scriptures and other Christian texts when needed **(John 5:39)**. For example, many of us no longer carry a hard copy bible because they are now available on our mobile devices.
2. They can be used to enhance communication with church members and visitors. For example, embedding Al-powered chatbots on a church website can help churches answer questions from their congregation and community, and can be available around the clock.
3. Technology can help provide a seamless and more attractive service by using advanced media and graphics tools.
4. The use of church management software can improve aid the administrative needs of the church.
5. It makes giving more convenient.

These and many more are the benefits of technology.

C. A WORD OF CAUTION

Christians should, however watch out for areas of caution **(1 Corinthians 10:23; Ephesians 5:15)**. We must understand our limits that we are God's creation **(Genesis 1:27)**, and we cannot outdo His creative power **(Isaiah 55:8-9)**.

Christians should be wary of some scientists who are determined to make a new religion out of technology **(Exodus 23:2a; Leviticus 26:1)**. Technology should not be used in a way that conflicts with Christian beliefs **(Romans 14:21-22)**. In providing support for one another, Christians should ensure that human relationships are not replaced by technology **(Hebrews 10:25).** Technology or Al should not replace the place of waiting upon the Lord for fresh words or inspiration **(2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 20:32)**. For example, many preachers and teachers now go to Google or A.I to generate content for their sermons rather than praying earnestly and waiting on the Holy Spirit to give them the word of the season for their congregation or listeners. Christians should beware lest they devote their entire lives on technological innovations and forget God **(Deuteronomy 6:12)**. Technological addiction should be avoided so as not to kill mental and spiritual growth. **1 Corinthians 6:12**

CONCLUSION

Advancement in technology is spurred by the creative ability God gave to man. Christians should cautiously use it to the glory of God while ensuring that it does not draw them away from the Lord.

QUESTIONS

1. Explain Al in your understanding.
2. Mention three cautions to believers in using Al

FURTHER READINGS - SUN: 1Cor. 10:31; MON: Ex. 23:2; TUE: Deut. 6:10-12; WED: 1 Pt. 3:8-11; THUR: 2 Chron. 26:14-16; FRI: Rev. 4:10-11; SAT: Ps. 8:1-4.