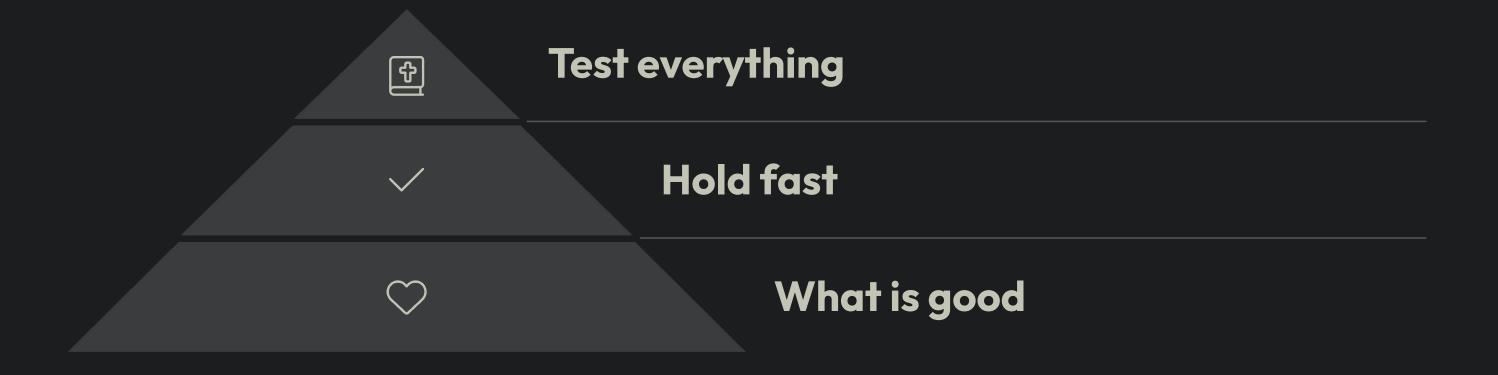
# What Alls, What It's Not, and Why the Church Should Care

A journey of discovery for ministry leaders and members seeking to understand artificial intelligence through a biblical lens.



# Opening Scripture



"Test everything; hold fast what is good." **1 Thessalonians 5:21** 

## Why We're Here

71%

65%

89%

Christians

Church

**Ministry** 

curious

leaders

impact

About AI's role in

Seeking guidance

Potential for

faith

on technology

outreach

We gather to explore AI with biblical wisdom. Your questions about technology and faith matter. Together we'll discover a faithful approach.

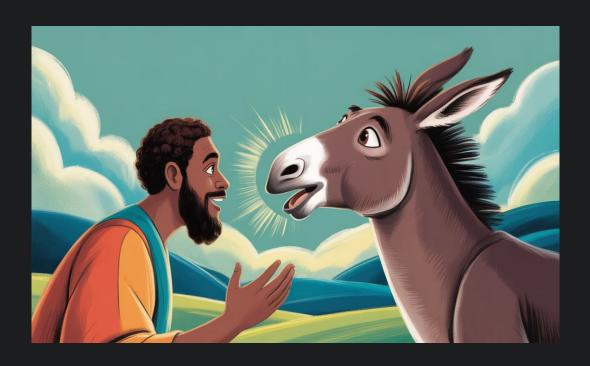


# Testimony & Analogy

## My Al Journey

I discovered AI could help me improve my life, dig deeper into the word, and become 20 times more productive in all areas of my life.

This tool helps me lead my church's Sunday
School and has assisted me on sermons. Yet I
always felt God's Spirit guiding me in all of my
kingdom work.



## **Balaam's Donkey**

Like the donkey that spoke to Balaam,
AI is merely a vessel. It's not the divine
voice itself.

## What Is AI?

#### **Patterns**

Learns from existing information

### Tool

Assists humans, doesn't replace human judgment



## **Processing**

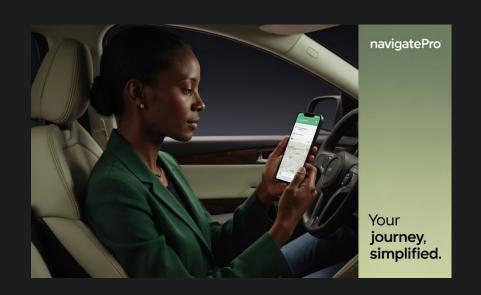
Analyzes patterns to make predictions

#### Creation

Generates new content based on what it learned

AI is like a flashlight in the dark. It illuminates possibilities. But you decide where to point it.

## Where You Already Use Al







## **Navigation**

Your GPS predicts the best route based on traffic patterns.

#### **Autocorrect**

Text suggestions anticipate what you'll type next.

#### Recommendations

Streaming services suggest content you might enjoy.

You've likely used AI already today. These everyday tools enhance our lives through artificial intelligence.



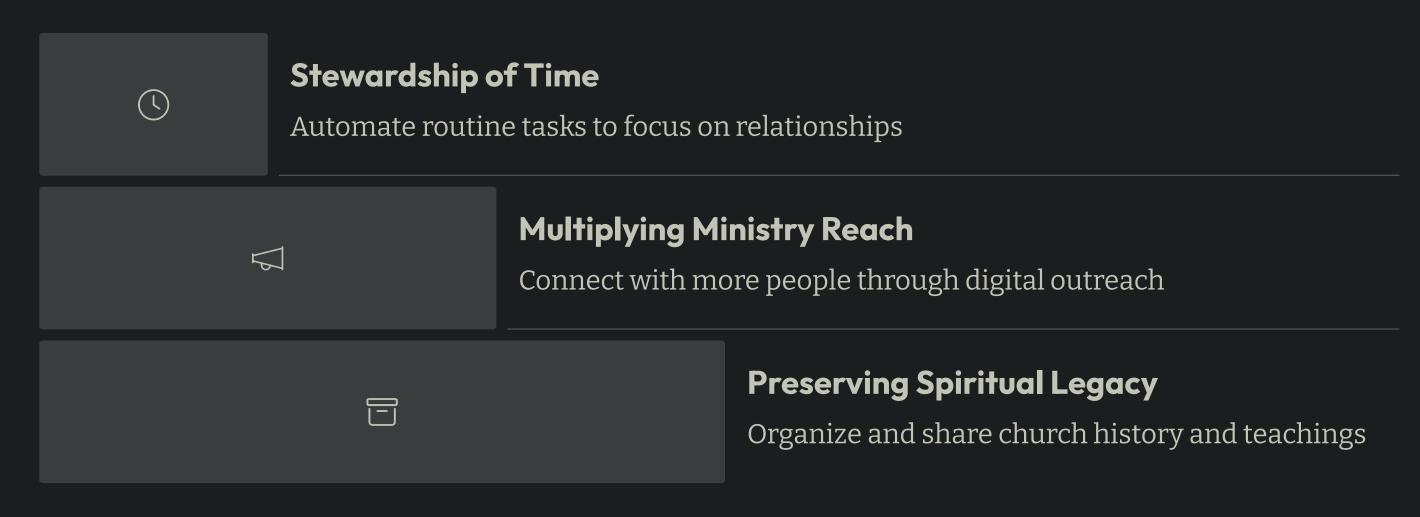
## What Alls NOT

- Not the Holy Spirit
  AI cannot discern spiritual truth or provide divine wisdom.
- Not InfallibleAI makes mistakes and can reflect human biases.
- Not Good or Evil

  AI is morally neutral, like any tool.
- Not Human

  AI lacks consciousness, emotions, and moral agency.

## Why the Church Should Care



AI tools can expand our impact. They help us be better stewards of our calling. Used wisely, they multiply our effectiveness.

## Ministry Use Examples



#### **Bulletins & Newsletters**

- Draft announcements
- Create engaging layouts
- Proofread content

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### **Sermon Preparation**

- Research historical context
- Find relevant illustrations
- Organize sermon outlines



#### **Devotional Content**

- Generate discussion questions
- Create prayer prompts
- Develop study guides



#### **Administrative Tasks**

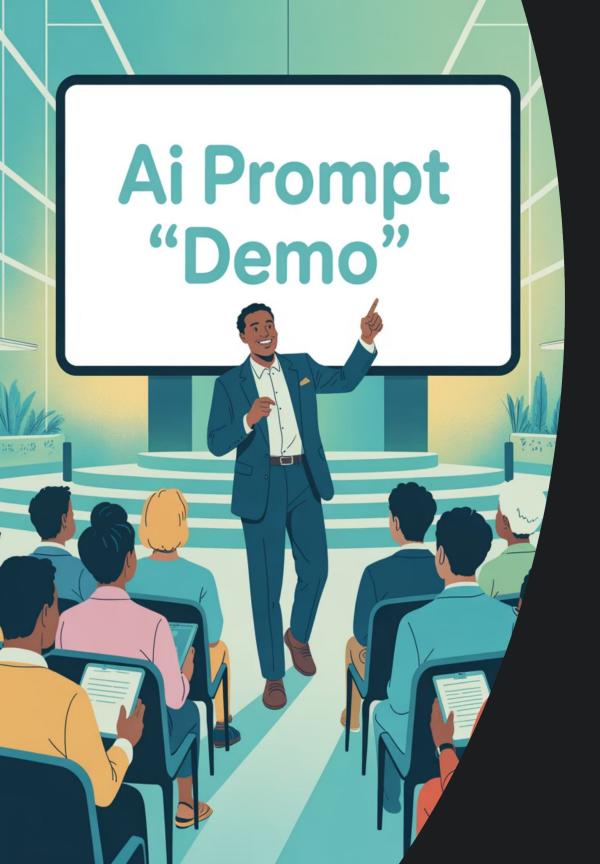
- Draft emails and responses
- Summarize meeting notes
- Create event schedules



## Bias & Discernment

AI reflects its training	May include worldly
data	perspectives
Scripture teaches	"Test the spirits" (1 John
discernment	4:1)
AI is like yeast	It amplifies whatever it
	contains
Ask critical questions	Verify AI output against
	Scripture

Like yeast that permeates dough, AI reflects what it was trained on. We must test every output against biblical truth.



## Live Prompt Demo

- Input Prompt
  - "Share 5 Scriptures on anxiety and a prayer for peace."
- ← Al Processes

The system searches its knowledge of Scripture.

Generate Response

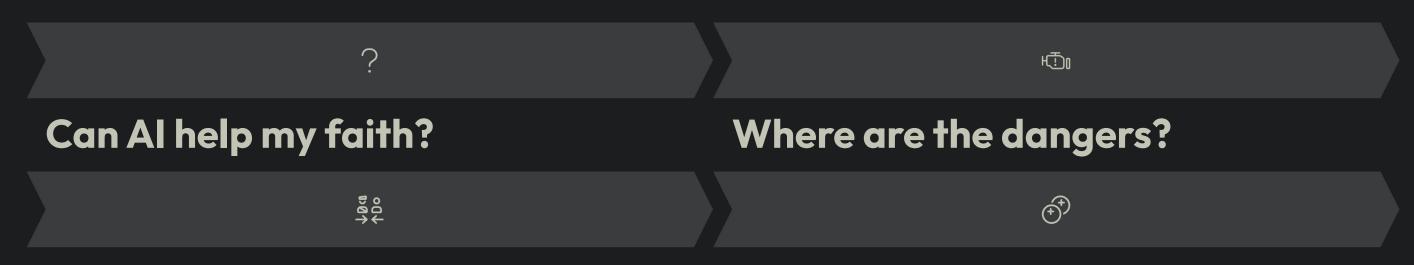
AI provides verses and drafts a prayer.

**Human Review** 

We evaluate the response with spiritual discernment.



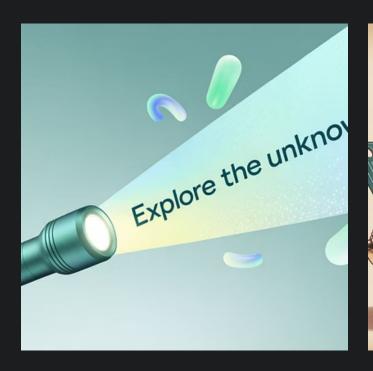
## Group Reflection



How might it impact community? What biblical principles apply?

Take a moment to consider: How might AI tools affect your spiritual journey? Where do you need discernment?

# Key Takeaways









AI is a tool, not a spiritual guide. Scripture remains our ultimate authority. We must exercise biblical discernment. Technology should enhance, not replace, human connection.

# Final Encouragement

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." **Proverbs 16:9** 

Remember: transformation comes from God, not technology. AI can assist our work. But only the Holy Spirit transforms hearts.

Let us be wise stewards of every tool God provides. May we use them for His glory and kingdom purposes.



## Connect With Me

#### Let's Continue the Conversation

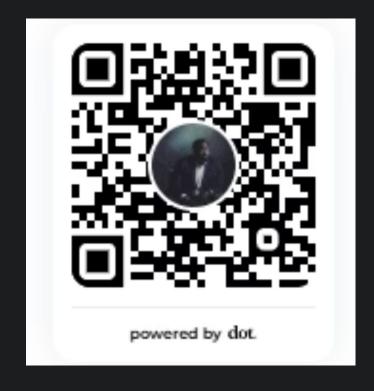
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