

Sermon Series: Taboo Vol. 2 – Technology

Today's Topic: **Technology & AI**

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Introduction

Technology is one of the most influential forces shaping modern life. From smartphones and social media to artificial intelligence, technology impacts how we think, communicate, work, learn, and worship. The question is not whether technology is good or bad. The question is: How should Christians think about technology?

Scripture provides timeless principles that help us evaluate every tool we use. Followers of Jesus need biblical filters that help us engage technology wisely rather than being shaped by it unknowingly.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-28

Romans 12:2

Exodus 31:3-5

Genesis 11:1-9

1 Corinthians 6:12

Hebrews 10:24-25

Proverbs 4:23

How Should We as Christians Think About Technology?

Do you have a filter installed around the information you receive? Every believer needs a biblical framework for evaluating technology. Three filters can help us think wisely.

1. The Image Filter

Genesis 1 teaches that every person is made in the image of God. The danger of technology is that it can train us to see people as data points, profiles, statistics, followers, customers, or consumers rather than image-bearers.

Ask yourself: Am I using technology to advance relationships and God's purposes, or am I allowing technology to replace them? Technology should serve people, not reduce them.

2. The Evaluation Filter

Romans 12:2 calls believers not to be conformed to the world but transformed by the renewing of their minds. Not all technology is safe or beneficial.

1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that not everything permissible is profitable. The algorithm is not your friend. Most digital platforms are designed to capture attention and shape behavior.

Questions to Evaluate Technology:

- Who built this and what do they want from me?
- What is it actually doing to me versus what it claims to do?
- What am I quietly giving up in order to use it?
- Should I use this? If so, at what cost?

3. The Kingdom Filter

Exodus 31 shows that creativity, skill, and innovation can be gifts from God. Technology and AI have value and potential in spreading the Gospel, equipping believers, and impacting the Kingdom of God.

However, AI cannot replace presence, community, discipleship, or relationships. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us not to neglect gathering together. We were not created for abstract relationships alone.

Technology should be a servant of God's mission, not a substitute for God's people.

Practical Ways to Apply a Kingdom Filter

1. Read Your Bible – Let God's voice shape your thinking more than the internet.
2. Pray – Cultivate dependence upon God rather than constant information.

3. Show Up in Person – Prioritize Christian community and face-to-face relationships.
4. Practice Silence and Solitude – Create space away from digital noise to hear God clearly.

A Warning from Babel

Genesis 11 records humanity using innovation and technology to exalt itself rather than glorify God. Technology itself was not the problem. The human heart was.

Proverbs 4:23 reminds us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from it. Technology reveals and amplifies what is already happening in the heart.

Application

- Use the Image Filter to remember the value and dignity of every person.
- Use the Evaluation Filter before adopting latest technologies.
- Use the Kingdom Filter to determine whether technology is drawing you closer to God and people.
- Guard your heart from unhealthy digital influences.
- Use technology as a tool for God’s glory rather than allowing it to master your life.

Conclusion

Christians should neither fear technology nor blindly embrace it. Instead, we should evaluate it through Scripture, use it wisely, and guard our hearts carefully. The question is not simply what technology can do. The deeper question is what technology is doing to us—and whether it is helping us become more like Christ.