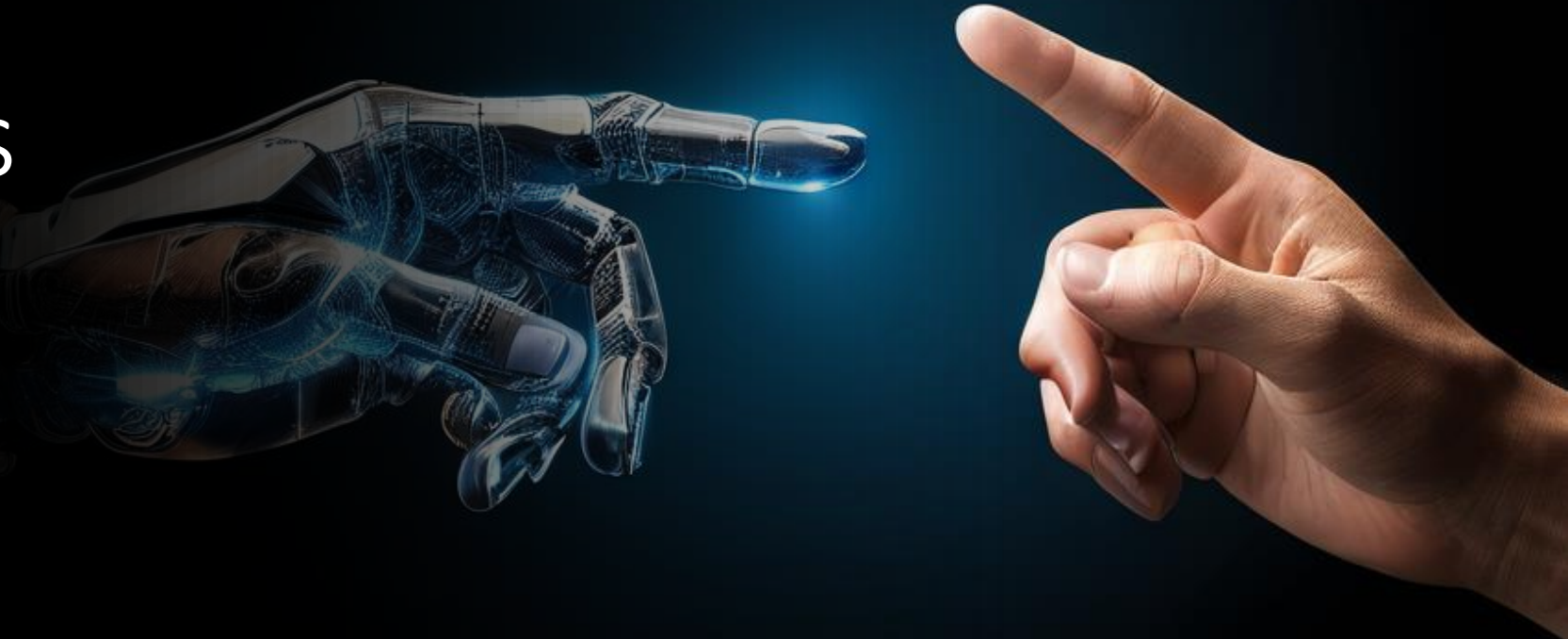Helpful AI Tools
for Lecturers
and Students

11 Year Old uses AI

- He created this introduction with Chat GPT 4.0 on poe.com

- He also created a translation in isizulu

- He created this image on poe.com using @playground2.5

- He did all of this in about 15 minutes

Problems with AI

- People with no understanding can produce polished content

- People who can't write can produce polished content

- People who can't draw can create nice images (but with mistakes)

Can technology be helpful for Christians?

- Amish where I lived in Michigan chose to no longer use technology beyond a certain point

- They decided to live with the same technology as found in the 1600-1700s.
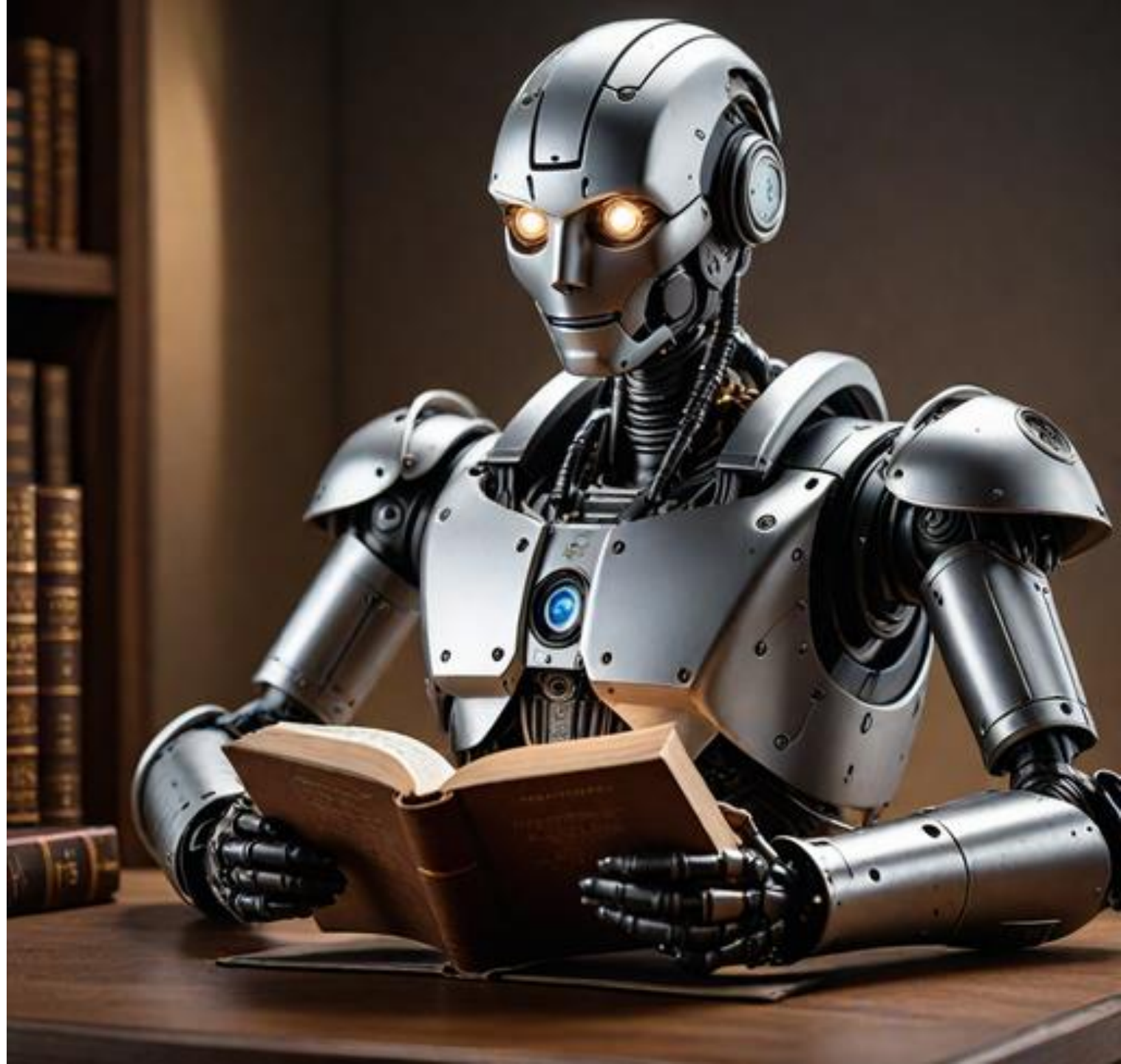
Technology used in the Bible

- Paul using Roman roads

Printing Press

- The reformers used the new technology of the printing press extensively to communicate the message of the Bible

Is artificial intelligence really intelligent?

What is intelligence?

- The ability to have the skilled use of reason

- The ability to think abstractly

- The act of understanding

AI is not actually intelligent!

What is our job in theological education?

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. **15** The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. **16** "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Helpfulness of AI in Theological Education

- AI should not be asked to do anything requiring intelligence
  - AI does not have real intelligence
  - AI can't reason, think abstractly or have understanding
- AI should not be asked to do anything spiritual
  - AI does not have the Holy Spirit

Helpful AI Tools?

- Early forms of technology often fail to be helpful for a while.

AI Tools

- **Generative AI**
  - Poe.com
  - Google.com

  You can get information quickly

  Have it give you ideas

  Translate works into foreign languages

- **Art Generations**
  - Canva.com
  - Poe.com
  - Gencraft.com

  You can make images like you have seen me make in this presentation.

  I used Poe.com with @Playground-v2.5

For getting information	24%	For creating media	28%
Answering factual questions	11%	Playing around or experimenting	11%
Asking advice	10%	Writing an email or letter	9%
Generating ideas	9%	Making an image	9%
Playing around or experimenting	9%	Writing an essay or report	8%
Summarising text	8%	Creative writing	7%
Seeking support	7%	A job application/interview	5%
Recommendations	6%	Programming or coding	5%
Translations	6%	Making a video	4%
Getting the latest news	5%	Making audio	3%
Data analysis	5%	Creating test data	3%

Technology that is helpful for lecturers and students now

For Bible Study

The Best is Logos Bible software

- Free class at ICBM.ac.za

Other free sites include

- Bible.org

- Biblegateway.com

- Blueletterbible.com

These all work because they simply help you, the spirit filled person, get to the information in the Bible

For teaching slides

- Excellent for:

- Slides, Diagrams, Flyers and more!

- They also have AI built in to experiment with.

Summary

- AI does not have the Holy Spirit

- AI does not have intelligence

- AI makes lots of mistakes

- Technology is helpful if it helps us interact with the Biblical text

- Technology is helpful if it expands our communication of the Biblical text

Don't ask AI or other technology to do what it can't do: "interpret spiritual truths to those who are spiritual" (1 Cor. 2:13).