Resources for Responding to New Technologies

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"To the degree that our 'tools' not only alter how we experience God's world but begin to *distort* it, they become something other than tools. They become idols."

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I.   Setting Boundaries

A.   Biblical Boundary

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14; 12:9-14

B.   Confessional Boundary

Westminster Confession 5.1

God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy **providence**, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

II.   A View of the Landscape

A.   What is happening in the world?

B.   Don't get distracted by Artificial Intelligence.

III.   So, what is "Technology?"

A.   *Techne,* the art and skill of man.

B.   But is it good?

IV.   Authentic and Inauthentic Technologies

A.   Being tech-lazy

B.   Being disembodied

C.   Being fully human

D.   Artificial, but is it "intelligent"?

V.   Education, Discipleship, and the Hope of Glory

A.   The Authenticity of being "in the room"

B.   God, Technology, and the Student of Theology

VI.   (some) Resources

A.   Books

John Fesko, *The Christian and Technology* (County Durham: EP Books, 2020)

Brad Huddleston, *Digital Rehab* (Vereeniging: Christian Art Publishers, 2023)

Samuel James, *Digital Liturgies* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2023)

Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death* (: Viking Penguin, 1985)

Tony Reinke, *God, Technology, and the Christian Life* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2022)

Tony Reinke: *Competing Spectacles* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019)

B.   Podcasts / Talks

Kevin de Young: "Technology, Neither Good, Bad, or Neutral." (Life Books and Everything podcast)

John Lennox: "The TRUTH about AI, Consciousness, and God" (available on YouTube)

Mustafa Suleyman: "Microsoft Executive Says AI Is a 'New Kind of Digital Species'" (futurism.com)