



*A Christian Perspective on Technology*

**Cooperating with  
God's Work**  
Message 1

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## Outline

### A. Introduction

- **Technology** – *The human activity of using tools to transform God's creation for practical purposes.*

**John Dyer, *From the Garden to the City***

### B. Technology...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ serving God.  
(Genesis 1:28-29; 2:19-20)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a temptation.  
(Genesis 2:15-17; 3:6-7; 11:4)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ self-reliance.  
(Genesis 3:7,14-19,21; Isaiah 61:10)

**Answers:** 1. Enhances 2. Extends 3. Encourages

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with those in your home or with others using video chat.

#### Introduction

In this series, we're asking you to think about technology as something more than computers and cell phones. In a much broader sense, we're using the term technology to describe tools we use to make life better. God made us stewards over creation. What are we making? How do our tools either pull us closer to God or draw us away from God? How do these tools impact our relationships? What impact (good and bad) do the various things we make and use have on our world? These are the sorts of questions we'll be dealing with in this series.

#### Opening in Prayer

Begin with a few minutes of silence. Ask God to open your heart and mind so you can hear His voice. Ask Him to help you respond to what He reveals to you as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

#### Conversation Starter

What's your favorite tool in either the garage, the kitchen or office area?

#### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 1:26-28](#); [2:15-17](#).

It might help to write or print out these particular verses as you consider the following questions.

1. List several things God told Adam to do.
2. What restriction did God place on Adam? Why?
3. At this point in the story, what words would you use to describe the relationship between God and Adam?
4. If you were Adam, do you think you would have felt honored and valued or controlled and belittled? Why?

Read [Genesis 3:1-10; 21-24](#).

5. How did Adam and Eve mishandle the direction God gave them?
6. What did Adam and Eve use to try and improve their situation? How was that a misuse of God's creation?
7. What impact did their actions have on...
  - a) their relationship with God?
  - b) their relationship with each other?
  - c) the world?
8. How can you relate with Adam and Eve?

#### Soul Training

Name a few tools or resources you use on a regular basis (yes, your cell phone, but what else?). What ways do these draw you *away* from God? How do these draw you *closer* to God? How do you sense God wants you to respond to what you're learning in this week's lesson? What's one step you could take to use technology to draw you closer to God?

#### Memory Verse

*Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."*

[Genesis 1:28 \(NLT\)](#)

#### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Romans 3:23-26](#)      Day 4: [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)  
Day 2: [2 Timothy 2:20-21](#)      Day 5: [Proverbs 3:9-12](#)  
Day 3: [Genesis 11:1-9](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 26, we'll continue our series titled *Lit*. To Prepare, read [3 John 1:3-4](#) and [1 Corinthians 12](#).



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