

Using Technology 1: Technology and God's Image

- What technology do we have and use?
- How can we use technology healthily, to make our lives better?

Three approaches to technology:

- Use whatever is there.
- Separate yourself from technology.
- Use technology to enhance our living out the gospel.
Relationships now happening more through screen than face-to-face. Does that affect faith?
- The bible's approach to wisdom: **Proverbs 4 verses 5 to 8.**
- Four aspects of being human: creative, relational, powerful and sexual: **Genesis 1 verses 26 to 28.**
- Technology as a manifestation of God's image in us; yet, because of sin, it is corrupted (see **Genesis 3**).

Problems with technology:

- 1: Increased use can decrease our participation prayer, study, meditation, silence.
- 2: The more technology we adopt, the more technology uses up our time.
- 3: Technology can use up more finances than we imagine.
- 4: Our most important in-the-flesh relationships can be weakened or marginalised.
- 5: Our internal world is refashioned.
- 6: Ethical issues arise as technology facilitates our relationships.

Romans 1 verses 18 to 25: falling in love with creations rather than with God.

- What gets your attention, time, loyalty, passion? Some thing or God?

Questions:

- 1: Does my use of technology enhance or distract from my relationship with God?
- 2: Does my use of technology enhance or distract from intimacy in family relationships?
- 3: Does my use of technology enhance my meaningful relationships with friends?
- 4: Am I becoming less gentle, because texts are all 'punch, punch, punch'?
- 5: Do I use technology to feed unhealthy addictions?
- 6: Am I living and loving more like Jesus because of my use of technology?