

# THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY

## Part 1 - "An Introduction"

### INTRODUCTION

General statements and warnings about this class:

1) Smartphones are wonderfully useful but they are also dangerous, very \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: The average smartphone user checks their phone once every \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

In 2016, *Time Magazine* named the iPhone the single most influential gadget of all time, saying that it *"fundamentally changed our relationship to computing and information - a change likely to have repercussions for decades to come."*

2) We are not going to say that you should or should not own and \_\_\_\_\_ a smartphone.

Note: In this class we want to ask a lot of questions that will help to evaluate our \_\_\_\_\_.

***Proverbs 4:23 - "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."***

3) We will evaluate our use of technology in light of the 1st & 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ commandments.

***Matthew 22:34-40 - "But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'"***

*Tony Reinke - "I proceed under the assumption that we all need to stop and reflect on our impulsive smartphone habits because, in an age when our eyes and hearts are captured by the latest polished gadget, we need more self-criticism, not less."*

*Tony Reinke - "Self-doubt is a hallmark of wise creatures. And self-critical conversations about our personal behaviors require a big dose of humility. Conversations about our smartphones often do not raise new questions; they return us to perennial questions every generation has been forced to ask."*

***Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 - "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'? It has been already in the ages before us."***

4) We want to evaluate our use of technology in light of \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."**

5) We need to remember that technology is ultimately an extension of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 12:36-37 - "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."**

*Tony Reinke - "If we must give an account of every idle word, we are probably the first generation that can truly appreciate the volume of our idle words, since we have published more of them than any group in human history."*

6) We do ultimately want to land the plane on some \_\_\_\_\_.

## **I. NINE INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS ON TECHNOLOGY**

1) Technology has a role to play in God's glorious redemptive \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Technology \_\_\_\_\_ creation.

3) Technology can help to minimize some of the \_\_\_\_\_ effects of The Fall.  
**Genesis 3:16-19 -**

4) Technology often evidences and establishes human \_\_\_\_\_ and ability.

5) Technology can be a means of \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Technology can be a means of upholding and empowering our physical \_\_\_\_\_.

7) Technology can give \_\_\_\_\_ to our foolishness, sin, and rebellion.  
**Genesis 11:4-5 -**

8) God sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ over every technological advance.

9) Technology shapes and influences our \_\_\_\_\_.