Job Aid: Using AI Wisely in Christian Life

This guide will help you understand when AI can support your walk with God—and when it should not be used. This job aid is not intended to be an exhaustive list but a good, general guide.

We will be using an AI tool called **ChatGPT** for our exercises. Open your camera and hover over the QR code at right to install ChatGPT. You DO NOT need to create an account after installing but it is an option. For advanced features, you will need an account.



📌 AI is a Tool – No More, No less

It is **NOT** a substitute for scripture, prayer, fasting, common sense, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- ALWAYS test what you learn against God's Word and other trusted resources
- MISUSE: Any tool can be misused and cause problems
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for what you choose to use from Al
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Treat AI like a highly-intelligent co-worker that has very little common sense

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1. Replacing Bible study, prayer, and fasting

→ Example: Don't ask AI "Can you do my daily devotional for me?"

2. Spiritual discernment

→ Example: Al cannot tell you "Is God leading me to take this job?"

3. Open-ended biblical or spiritual questions

→ Example: "Create a bible study on water baptism" won't yield a doctrinally sound answer.

4. Ambiguous questions

→ Example: "What's the most important verse?" (too vague for AI).

5. Using as a sole reference

→ Example: Don't rely only on AI; review other trusted sources to confirm info

6. Generating reliable graphics

→ Example: ChatGPT is good at producing text, not pictures. There are other AI tools for that.

7. **Current events** (Al has a cutoff date)

→ Example: AI may not know about yesterday's news or the latest discoveries since June 2024

Things AI Can Help You With

1. Comparing Bible translations

→ Example: See John 3:16 side-by-side in NIV, KJV, NKJV.

2. Finding verses (when you can't remember)

→ Example: Find the verse with "two in the field, one taken, one left."

3. Interpretation of Greek/Hebrew/Aramaic and other terms

→ Example: Look up the Greek word for "faith" in Hebrews 11:6.

4. Calculations and statistics

→ Example: Count how many psalms David wrote vs. the total number.

5. Reviewing Bible commentaries

→ Example: Summarize what different bible commentaries say about Isaiah 9:6.

6. How to use a study Bible (margins & cross-references)

→ Example: Learn how to use a Thompson Chain Reference Bible.

7. Generating & formatting Bible studies (from existing knowledge)

→ Example: Create a lesson on "The Road to Emmaus" from Luke 24 with the focus on following Jesus rather than "constraining him" (verses 28-29) to follow our will. Add additional KJV verses that talk about surrendering our will to God's will. Make it no more than 2 pages using larger print for easy readability. Add questions throughout to reflect.

8. Tool/app instructions and guides

→ Example: Step-by-step help for eSword, Blue Letter Bible, or Bible Gateway.

9. Analyzing external documents (PDF, DOC, TXT) and give insights

→ Example: Condense a 20-page commentary into 2 pages of notes.

10. Reading text from images/documents & creating new documentation

→ Example: Extract verses from a photo of handwritten notes.

11. Creating analogies

→ Example: Explain faith like planting a seed and waiting for growth.

12. Identifying typologies

→ Example: Compare Joseph as a "type" of Christ.

13. Drafting, editing, and proofreading documents

→ Example: Improve clarity in a sermon draft.

14. Brainstorming ideas for lessons

→ Example: Generate object lesson ideas for a youth Bible study.

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