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## The Stuff That Matters:

### Faithfulness in the “Age of Technology”

### Spiritual Hazards of Digital Tools

1. **WASTE** Precious Time

*“Be careful how you live. Don’t live foolishly, instead live as wise people, making every minute count, because these are evil times.” Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT, CEV)*

2. **SEDUCED** into Worldly Temptations

*“Don’t copy the behavior of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2 (NLT) - Read also Colossians 3*

3. **LURED** into Unproductive Arguments

*“Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees, or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. Titus 3:9-10 (NLT)*

4. **TEMPTED** to Compare & Compete for Approval

*“Be careful! Don’t do your acts of righteousness publicly to be admired by others. If you do, you will lose your reward from your Father in heaven.” Matthew 6:1 (NLT)*

5. **DISTRACTED** from God’s Purposes

*“You are worried and distracted by many things, but really there is only one thing that is truly important, and Mary chose it.” Luke 10:41-42 (NASB)*

*“Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31 (CSB)*

# ***Using Technology for God's Glory***

(5 Purposes from *Great Commandment* and *Great Commission*)

1. Express Worship
2. Encourage Fellowship
3. Enhance Spiritual Growth
4. Expand Ministry
5. Extend my Witness

## ***Practical Tips***

- Set Screen-time Limits
- Establish Guardrails of Content
- Don't Engage \_\_\_\_\_
- Ask – “Does this honor God?”

*[Paul] “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9 (NIV)*

## ***Keep the conversation going...***

1. How much screen time do you have daily?
2. Of the “5 Hazards” in the message, which do you struggle with the most?
3. Read Psalms 39:1, 101:3, 141:3 and 59:9. How can we protect our relationship with God, while still using tech and social media for its many advantages?
4. How can you use technology to honor God?