Teen Topics
Technology

The Issue:

We all love and benefit from technology. The latest devices and gadgets add a sense of luxury and excitement to life. The Internet, smart phones, game consoles (etc.) each have their part in how technology has impacted our culture and our lives. Technology has many benefits and is a good thing (after all, God created it). Yet, if we are not careful, it can be easy to become tangled in the web of technology.

What does the Bible say?

What principles can be learned about the use of technology?

> **Deut. 6:10-12** – <u>Don't forget or replace God b/c of blessings.</u>

> **Ps. 101:2-4** – <u>Don't jeopardize your integrity b/c of technology.</u>

> **Ps. 141:4** – <u>Don't waste your time on useless things.</u>

> **Matt. 6:21** – <u>Keep your focus and heart on the real treasure.</u>

What should I do?

When we determine to honor the Lord with technology, endless possibilities present themselves for bringing Christ glory and expanding His kingdom. However, when we allow technology to rule our lives, sin creeps in and much time and money is wasted. Evaluate how technology impacts your life:

1. Is the use of technology ever a way you attempt to <u>escape</u> the real world?
2. Does your life <u>revolve</u> around the Internet, gaming, social media, (etc.)?
3. Are important areas of your life being <u>neglected</u> because of technology (e.g., family, friends, worship, etc.)?

If you answered "yes" to any of these, consider the price you are paying. Is wasting hours upon hours and neglecting loved ones really worth it? What changes does God want you to make regarding your use of technology?