



SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Kings 12:26 – 33

SHEPHERDING

Preaching is a part of shepherding,
shepherding isn't a part of preaching.

- Caring, leading, and feeding
- Protecting the sheep – people, predators, pits, paths
- Adapting to the seasons and times, especially unexpected change



SPIRITUALITY SERIES

2023 Spirituality of the Local Church (Phil 4)

2022 Bearing God's Image

2021 Sustaining Unity

2020 Flourishing and Resilience facing opposition

2019 The Love of God

2018 Fighting for the rhythms of Joy

2017 Real Spirituality and means of grace

2016 Prayer

2015 The Church in Society

2013 Worship: the most important repetition

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**AND THE WAY
OF JESUS**

THE TECHNOPOLY: DEFINITION

The Technopoly is a network of devices, structures, designs and entities that commodifies us in our consumption—choking out not just our spirituality—but our humanity.

THE TECHNOPOLY

It is the franchise that forms us in a counterfeit of human flourishing for the good of its makers, by monopolizing our attention with worldliness through hacking our humanity and divinity, inflaming our flesh, and teaching us to ignore our God given purpose.



Holy place of gathering
Worship
Priests
Festivals
Sacrifices
Altars

All this is corruption by counterfeit and collusion
Jeroboam profited by making it easier for the people
His replica was really a counterfeit

THE TECHNOPOLY

Is the most consequential nexus of worldliness, idolatry, and blasphemy in our time.

It is diametrically opposed to the way of our master Jesus. It is idolatrous, unspiritual, unloving, unjust, and inhuman.

It is a counterfeit of life that serves those in leadership and our desire for ease, safety, and pleasure.

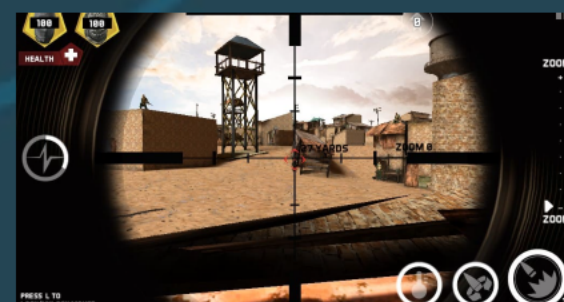
...But isn't technology good?

Article: How Much Should You Limit Kids' Screen Time and Electronics Use?

"The AAP's new recommendations acknowledge that technology is integrated into our daily lives, making it nearly impossible to police a strict two-hour per day limit on school-age children."

TECHNOPOLY ISN'T JUST TECHNOLOGY.

BREAKING NEWS



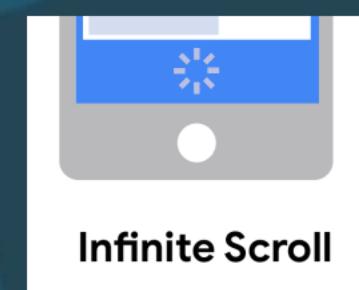
Medias

Devices



Services

Mechanisms



Humanity Hacking



Perverse Incentives

Consolidation

Isolation
Unproductive
Manipulation
Collusion
Inception
Mental Health

Creativity
Reflection
Memory
Concentration
Love
Intimacy

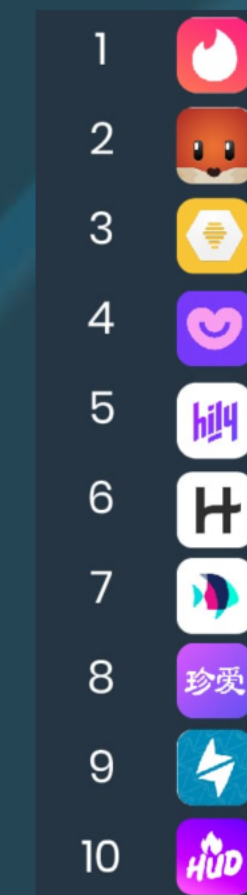
Spirituality
Civility
Etc.

COSTS

BENEFITS

Leisure/enjoy
Econ efficiency
Connection
Collaboration
Affiliation
Safety

Practical help
Power bypass
Democratization
Convenience
Wealth
Etc.



Porn hub



HONESTY ABOUT HARM TO:

Concentration

Memory

Reflection

Mental processing

Mental health

Self-control

Discernment

Friendship

Initiative

Effectiveness

Comodification

Responsibility

IQ

Schema formation

Social ability

Belonging

Intimacy

Service

Family for, stab, fer

Institutions

Moral Clarity

Charity/Civility

Mood

Conversation

Addiction

Sleep/Hygiene

Unproductive

...This is barely getting started...

WHICH EFFECTS FAITH & GODLINESS?

All of them

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Stunted socially

Isolation

Intimacy

Family formation

Family stability

Easily manipulated

Moral Confusion

Radicalization

Avoidance

Conversation

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Sleep/Heigine

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Now: Technopoly and the Way of Jesus

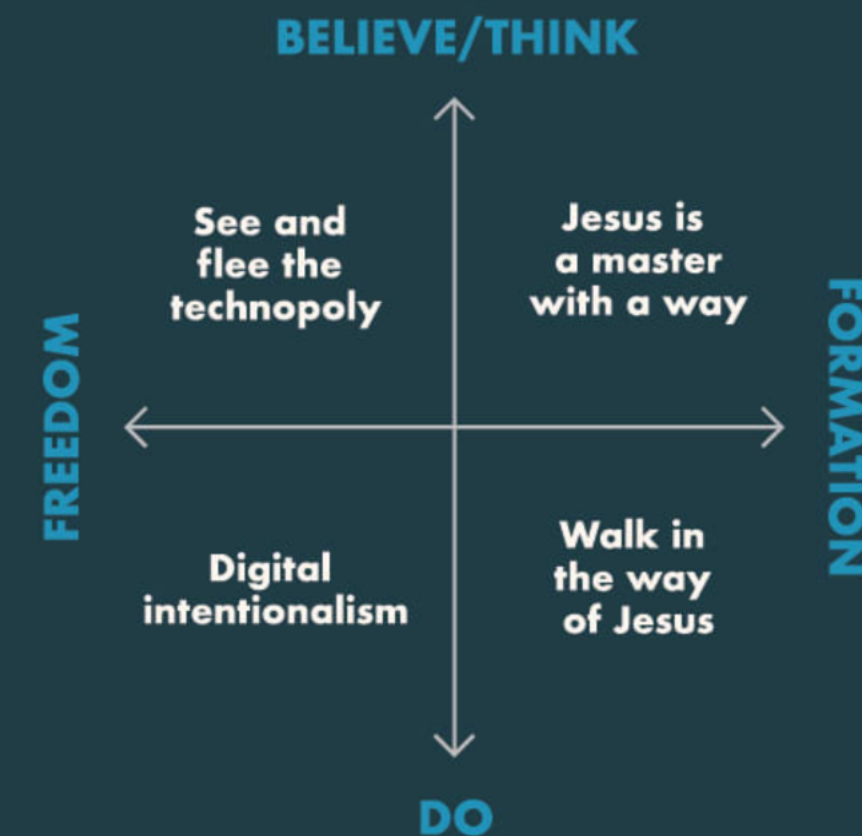
Fall: A Rule of Life: ordering our lives around the way of Jesus



highpointchurch.org/technopoly

TECHNOPOLY AND THE WAY OF JESUS

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- ☒ THE FLESH
- ☒ KINGDOM BUILDER

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You have a neurology
and are hackable

You are 'gods'

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You are 'distempered'

You have purpose

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Week 1: Intro. You are experiencing it.

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Week 6: Practices and paths to walk in the way of Jesus in an era of digital technology

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See and
flee the
technopoly

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FREEDOM

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intentionalism
and asceticism

Walk in
the way
of Jesus

Give Him and
people your attention

DO

3 KINDS OF IDOLATRY



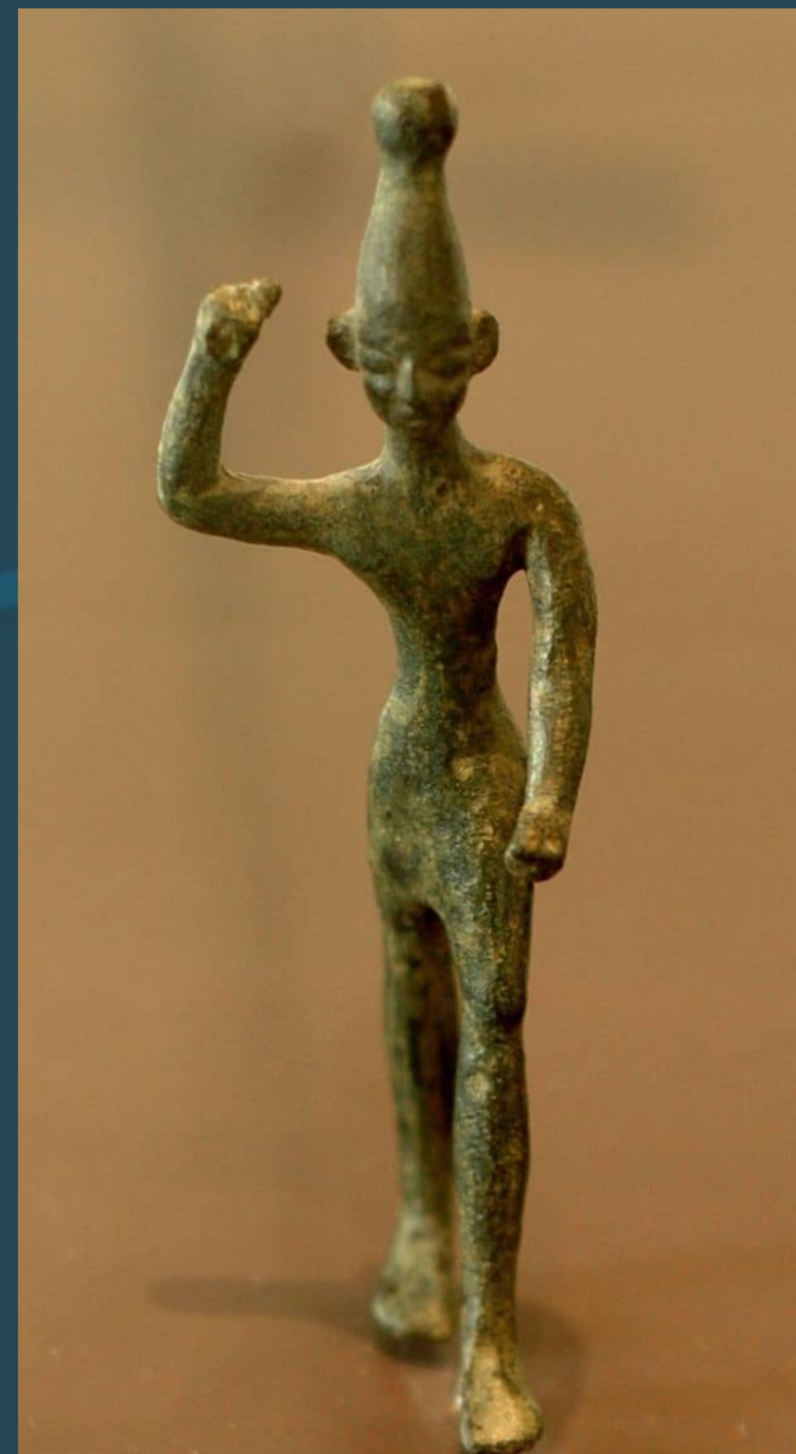
Nehushtan
2 Kings 18:4
"Conservative"



Evangelical
Ephod



Golden Calves
1 Kings 12:28
"Liberal"



Ba'al (Lord)
1 Kings 18:21
"Progressive"
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NOT JUST THE NEW TECH

The Scroll



Memorize
the master



Copied
Codex



Printed
book



Disconnected
computer



Universally
connected
universal
device