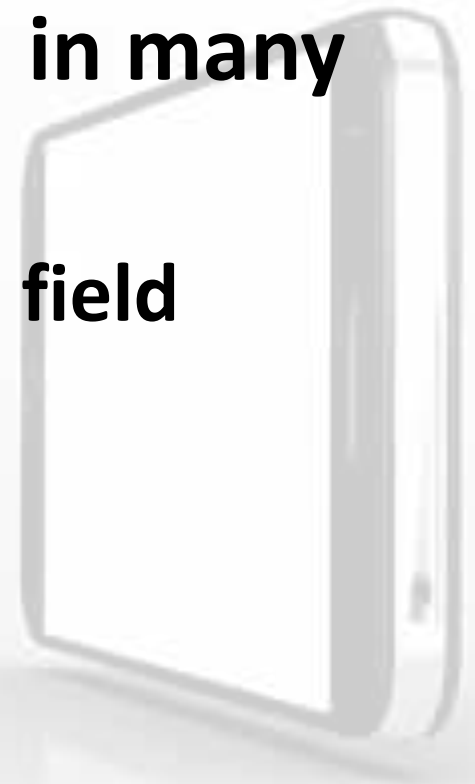


Technology & Temptations




Technology is Great

- **Technology has been helpful in many areas:**
 - **Advancements in the medical field**
 - **Communication**
 - **Information**
- **Sin is not far behind.**



Dilemma

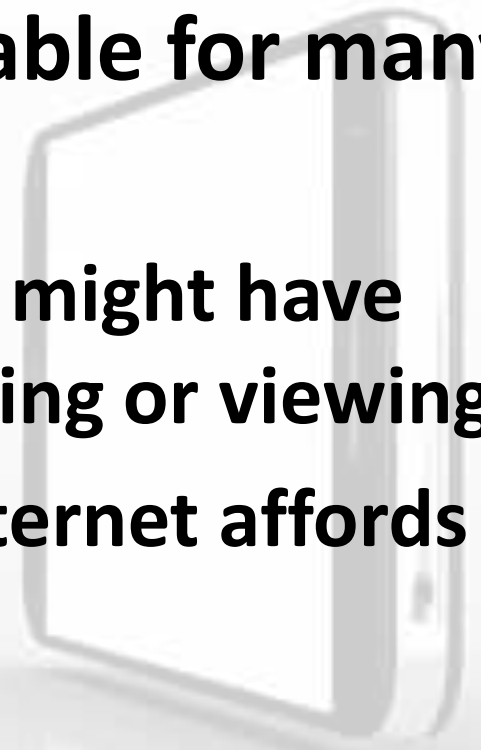
- **The Bible was written at time when technology was not as advanced as it is now.**
 - **Does this make the Bible obsolete?**
 - **1 Peter 1:24, 25**
 - **The Bible is always up-to-date.**
 - **Can you see God's wisdom in inspiring words that were specific enough for a certain time and people yet would not exclude all others?**
 - **God's word can guide us in this century and in any other.**
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Pornography

- **Sobering statistics (Covenant Eyes, January 2010):**
 - The adult entertainment industry brings in more money each year than the NFL, NBA, and MLB combined.
 - 70% of American men aged 18-34 view Internet pornography at least once a month.
 - The average pornography viewer is 41 years old and earns an annual income of \$60,000.
- **It is a serious problem.**

Pornography

- **Pornography has been available for many years.**
 - **Previously a stigma or shame might have been attached to the purchasing or viewing.**
 - **Because of the privacy the Internet affords us, this is no longer the case.**



Overcoming Pornography


- **Recognize that it is a sin.**
 - Matthew 5:27, 28
- **Determine to flee from it.**
 - Joseph in Genesis 39.
 - Matthew 5:29, 30
- **Pray.**
- **Let someone help you.**
 - You are not alone and you don't have to overcome it alone.



Digital Endorsements

- In the same way our “posts” and “updates” show what’s on our mind, our “likes,” “shares,” “pins,” and “tweets” show what we approve of.
- Have you thought seriously about what you give your recommendation to?
- Do the movies, quotes, places, speakers, pictures, etc., fit in to Philippians 4:8?

Sins of Ephesians 4:25-31

- Ever promoted or passed along something that wasn't true? Ephesians 4:25
 - Ever broadcast a very public outburst of wrath? Ephesians 4:26, 27
 - Ever been guilty of stealing something online? Piracy? Ephesians 4:28
 - Ever type something that didn't impart grace to the readers? Ephesians 4:29
 - Ever guilty of the sins of Ephesians 4:31?
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Positive Uses

- **Since technology is a tool we can control how it will be used.**
 - **Spread the Gospel.**
 - **Cheer someone's day.**
 - **Check on someone.**
 - **Access a large amount of information.**
 - **Listen to encouraging material: sermons, uplifting podcasts, hymns.**

