

# The Christian and Technology

Applying the Framework

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# Technology Case Studies

# A Biblical Framework for Technology

**Question 1:** To what degree does \_\_\_\_\_ tempt me to sin?

**Question 2:** How does \_\_\_\_\_ influence my desires and emotions?

**Question 3:** Am I using \_\_\_\_\_ alongside/to supplement God's design, or am I using it to replace/distort God's design?

**Question 4:** In what ways does \_\_\_\_\_ better leverage my time and talents to glorify God?

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(tempt, influence, supplement, leverage)



# Case Study #1

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# Diagnostic Questions

1. What positives and/or negatives do you see in this scenario?
2. Read through the four framework questions. Using these and your own observations, what heart issues might be at play?
3. What biblical texts and/or truths would be helpful for this scenario?
4. What could be some helpful next steps?

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## Case Study #2

Lexi is in High School. She is involved in the church, loves youth group, and serves on Sundays. After praying in the morning, Lexi loves to text her friends to encourage them with Scripture and ask how she can pray for them. She also loves following different devotional plans she finds on the Bible app. By taking notes on her phone, she can access all the books she has read and can look back on what she has learned in Scripture.

Lexi then gets the idea to share what she is learning on social media to use her platform. She begins posting verses to her story and sharing pictures of her journal. As she does so, she begins to realize that certain kinds of posts get more likes than others. Therefore, she begins to cater her posts to what will get more likes. As she posts more, she finds herself checking her accounts more, specifically to see how many likes she is getting. It's a good feeling to have a growing following and people liking your content. Her posts used to focus on what she learned in Scripture, what she learned about God, and how it was growing her faith. Now, she still posts Scripture but avoids harder topics like sin or evil, focusing primarily on God's love and acceptance. While her following has greatly grown, she has gotten a bit disappointed recently because her followers have plateaued and her likes have decreased.