TECHNOLOGY, MONEY, AND GOD



Technology is great.

It speeds things up.

It connects us to each other across the world.

But something weird is going on.

Technology is starting to take over the world.

And technology has a partner:

Money.

If we want to know how to handle technology, all we have to do is pay attention to how the Master tells us to handle money.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Luke 16)



Jesus never begged for money.

He never "raised funds".

Yet the money they needed for food and lodging was always there.

We deal with money's twin sister, technology, in the same way.

We use technology, but we hold it loosely.

If we find ourselves chained to our phones day and night, Technology is taking over.

If social media consumes our days, Technology is crowding out the life of God in us.

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If God is our master, technology will be our servant.

If technology is our master, God says, "Have it your way," and leaves us to live with our choice.

Jesus tells us that one day money will be obsolete.

"And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations." (Luke 16)

And in the kingdom of God, technology is already obsolete.

Where technology is obsolete.

When we enter our room, shut the door, and pray, we bypass technology.

Our prayers for others pass through heaven and touch the lives we pray for in a nano-second.

Our prayers connect us with a future which technology knows nothing about.



God's World.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Technology and money.

Technology and money are twins.

They cling to each other.

They sustain each other.

So we use technology like we use money.

Looking to God alone as our Master.

Following Jesus moment by moment toward a world where technology and money will be no more.



Prayer: Lord we need your help, we need your forgiveness. We have sought our comfort, security, and solace either in money or technology. They master our lives. Help us to hold them both loosely. Lord, we need you to master our lives. Help us to let go of these distractions, so we can truly hallow your name, so that we can connect with you, connect to your world where we find comfort, security, and solace that never ends.

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