

discernment in the age of ai

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Today's AI Concerns

Many fears are understandable.

1. Job Displacement & Economic Disruption
2. Deception, Deepfakes, & The Erosion of Truth
3. Bias, Discrimination, & Algorithmic Unfairness
4. Data Privacy & Intellectual Property Theft
5. Loss of Human Connection & Isolation

But beneath every fear is an even deeper question...

Can technology solve what is ultimately a human problem?

AI can make life easier, but it cannot make you more like Jesus.

1. The First Human Shortcut

Genesis 3:4-8, "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.

The first temptation wasn't simply eating fruit; it was about becoming who we were created to be apart from God.

- without dependence, without surrender, without waiting, without God

The temptation of AI isn't information... It's escaping from weakness, waiting, failure, needing others, needing God.

2. AI Offers Shortcuts. Jesus Forms People.

Romans 5:3-6, We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us, sinners.

AI can... Inform, Process, Personalize, Remember, Validate

Jesus forms us through... Relationships, Waiting, Prayer, Suffering, Confession, Repentance, Forgiveness, Bearing burdens, Serving others

AI informs. Jesus forms.

3. God's Design for Relationships

Matthew 22:37-40, "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1 John 1:6-7 (NIV) "If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

Real love requires... Another person, Sacrifice, Truth, Patience, Forgiveness, Grace

AI reflects your image back to you. Jesus is restoring His image in you.

Questions to Consider

- Am I running to AI before I run to God?
- Am I allowing God to form me instead of looking for shortcuts?
- Who is helping shape me into Christ?
- How much am I a part of the Body and Family of Christ?
- How is God trying to form you right now? Or are you looking for a shortcut?

