

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Technology

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." – Albert Einstein

"Men have become the tools of their tools." – Henry David Thoreau

"Humanity is acquiring all the right technology for all the wrong reasons." – R. Buckminster Fuller

"If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner." – Omar N. Bradley

Technology is a wonderful gift of God. We have had some amazing advancements. We see it in the field of medicine, the automobiles we drive, the appliances in our homes, the devices of entertainment, etc. In many respects it seems that we have been aptly spoiled.

You may have seen the humorous quotes, "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." – Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949. "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.

As wonderful as technology is, quite frankly it has made the church lazy. We would rather watch television, or play a game, or enjoy some of our technological wonder than actually read and learn, or seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). One of the great evidences of this is the lack of biblical knowledge among members of the church!

Ah for the days when they would say, "Do you want to know where a passage is, call a member of the Church of Christ. They will not only tell you where it is found, but they will quote it for you too."

With the marvels of our technology we should be using it for evangelistic purposes. We should see what God has so generously allowed as the key to something greater in the salvation of souls. One has to be thankful for the great work being done on the radio and television, and of course the internet.

Look at it from the preaching vantage point: the pioneers used bed sheets, then came the charts, and eventually the overhead projector. Today we are using the streamlined Power Point to put up elaborate displays.

And let's not forget the powerful software today that allows us to have multiple translations and many wonderful works to aid in sermon preparation and general Bible study. We thank God for the abundance of tools that has helped to make our ability to present the truth easier.

All of this and yet, the church is "at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1). What is it going to take to get Christians to awaken out of their spoiled lifestyle?