

TECHNOLOGY IN THE WORKPLACE

From the design and use of stone tools for agriculture to complex genetic engineering for healthcare, the history of humankind is intertwined with the evolution of technology. The information age in which we live in this 21st century is characterized by an economy based on information technology. These advancements are impacting our lives. Changing how, when, and where we do things, whether at home or in our workplace. What happens when it alters how we engage with the community, how we minister, or how we work? What is right and what is wrong? What is and should be our response as Christians?

Five Essential Elements of a story as the framework:

1. Characters * Creators * Implementers * Users

2. Setting

- * A reshaping of every industry, including church, ministry, and missions
- * Acceleration of change
- * Opportunities and threats external to the organization
- * Strengths and weaknesses internal to the organization

3. Plot * Innovation * Intervention * Influence * Immersion * Impact

4. Conflict * Is technology good or evil? * What, how, who?

5. Resolution We have been innovating technology since God asked us to subdue the earth in Genesis 1:27. We have the narrative of Yubal inventing musical instruments while Tubal-Cain forged implements of copper and iron. Technology is an integral part of human existence and progress. What is our role, response, and responsibility within the story of technology in the workplace?