



## **QA: What Do You Think About the New Technology?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

### **QUESTION: What do you think about the new technology?**

### **ANSWER: Technology is helpful if used for good.**

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (**Galatians 6:10**)

But **applications which shut out the real world will produce no "good Samaritans."**

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. (**Isaiah 1:17**)

none of these will be done by the selfish!

1. **Selfie Worship.** People are taking "selfies," which means they now travel to exotic places where there are breath-taking sights, or high-dollar athletic events, or with family and friends, only to aim the camera at themselves! In the Bible, Christians should

Let no one seek his own, but each one the others' well being.  
(**1 Corinthians 10:24**)

"Selfie" photographs can keep us so focused in the moment we lose sight of others. "Selfie" worship means going to "church" and impressing ourselves, and not God. God wants "singing and making melody in your heart," (**Ephesians 5:19**), not with other instruments; meeting on the "first day of the week" "to break bread" (**Acts 20:7**), not any other day; "baptism" which "saves us" (**1 Peter 3:21**), not after we claim we're saved! "Selfie" worship is not pleasing to God.

2. **Meta Selfishness.** "Virtual Reality Masks" seem to be the ultimate selfish escape from reality. It's bad enough that people have smart Phones to connect with people/ places/playing away from where they actually are, or video/ AR games which consume their brain's total focus. Now VR Masks allow individuals to completely ignore their real world and bodily respond selfishly to a manufactured image! The trip into self could not be more vividly described.

### 3. **Blessed Abstinence.**

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful.  
(**Psalm 1:1**)

“Walking” is by listening to the bad judgment of “the ungodly;” “standing” shows deeper interest, by going along with “sinners;” “sitting” indicates prolonged acceptance. There could not be a clearer description of how someone ends up “in the wrong crowd,” than this. The verbs ending in “-ing” means they are ongoing or continuous. This is not describing occasional stumblings, but a total disposition against righteousness. The “ungodly” have no regard for God, “sinners” have little or no regard for God’s laws; “scorners” blame God for the consequences of their refusing to follow God’s laws. Doing right begins with not doing wrong!

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. (**Romans 8:5**)

### 4. **The world sorely needs the way of Christ:**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. (**Philippians 2:3**)

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