



PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNOLOGY

Technology is a tool to be used with wisdom to improve our lives so that we better reflect who God is.

At Des Moines Christian School, the goal of education is to provide the conditions for the Holy Spirit to shape each student to be more like the person that God created them to be. Consequently, the means of education matter as much as the outcome, because the outcome is not just grades or graduation, but rather who a student is becoming. As Jesus is God incarnate, he embodies the communicable attributes of God and models for us the standard of "Christlikeness," meaning that in him we see God in human form – we see who God calls us to be. We also know that God uses everything around us as a part of this process of our sanctification, our becoming more like the person of Jesus.

Technology is an integral part of our lives, and all technology is an amoral tool or instrument, only becoming moral or immoral based on its use by human beings – it must be used with wisdom. The legitimate purpose of all technology is to further the flourishing of life, allowing us to be more like Jesus. Therefore, we will promote uses of technology that allow for life to flourish and condemn all uses of technology that impede a flourishing life in relationship with God. Then, we will be able to more fully reflect the image of God that has been stamped upon us. In a broken world, we are called to utilize the created intent of technology as a means by which we would embody the attributes of God and redeem broken uses of technology which hinder that process.

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Assessing Technology with Wisdom

Attributes of God	Embraces the Image of God (Created)	Denies the Image of God (Broken)	Used with the Wisdom of God (Redeemed)
Rational	Fosters the ability to think and reason	Keeps us from thoughtful reflection	Helps us worship God in what/how we think
Creative	Inspires and allows the expression of creativity, increases engagement	Produces dull lifelessness; simply amuses/entertains	We imitate God in what we create and how we create
Vocation/Work/Rest	Allows for increased work output and margin	Refills that margin with more work, results in neglect of rest	Makes us fruitful rather than simply efficient
Relational	Promotes deeper Community in Christ; communicates truth and ideas; preserves knowledge	Isolates and promotes anxiety, loss of sense of purpose or identity	Connects us to God and each other
Emotional	Results in emotions that match with truth/reality; feeling as God would feel	Results in feelings that do not match with truth/reality; manipulates emotions to distort truth/reality	Aligns feelings and responses with truth/reality
Loving	Allows us to better love and serve our neighbor self-sacrificially	Tends to make us self-centered, egotistical, and inward-driven	Rightly orders our passions toward God, others, and everything else
Truth	Promotes the truth of God and his Word; accurately portrays humanity and the world as it is (and will be)	Misleads, manipulates, distorts the truth; harms others with falsehood	Proclaims truth and glorifies God in word and deed
Good/Just	Enables us to recognize what is right and do it; promotes justice	Distracts or misleads us from the true and the good, and promotes in injustice	Brings redemption to broken people, circumstances, and situations

See: Genesis 1:26-27; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 1:15; Colossians 3:9-10; Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 3:28-29