

## A Common Danger for This Time

“A \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ the evil, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself; but the simple pass on, and are \_\_\_\_\_.” (Prov. 22:3)

Some struggle with seeing the Bible relevant because they see it as a book of \_\_\_\_\_. They fail to realize that the Bible is a sacred, \_\_\_\_\_ book that can guide any believer of any age in the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness. In every age, there are \_\_\_\_\_ (both \_\_\_\_\_ and calamitous) that exist. This is where prudence has great value. A prudent man sees the advancing trouble and has the wisdom (of God) to apply that ultimately produces safety. Notice the usage of the prudent man in the Proverbs:

- \* ... a prudent man covereth \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 12.16)
- \* Every prudent man \_\_\_\_\_ with knowledge... (Prov. 13.16)
- \* ... the prudent man \_\_\_\_\_ well to his going. (Prov. 14.15)
- \* ... the prudent are \_\_\_\_\_ with knowledge. (Prov. 14.18)

At this time, one of the many \_\_\_\_\_ (not sins) is that of technology. Technology in its historical sense deals with advancement. It has been defined as “the practical application of \_\_\_\_\_ to a specific \_\_\_\_\_ or method.” Hence, the method for mass-producing steel (the \_\_\_\_\_ process) which arrived in 1840s revolutionized the steel industry. Eventually, as more knowledge was acquired, more innovation \_\_\_\_\_. Ultimately, the open-hearth process became the most used technique for production of steel into the 1950s. This is the truest definition of technology. It can be seen in practically \_\_\_\_\_ field of endeavor.

Most often, when we think of technology, we often think in terms of this digital age. There is good reason for this. In the history of humanity, there has been no \_\_\_\_\_ of endeavor that has advanced as \_\_\_\_\_ and as \_\_\_\_\_ as computing. Only those born in the last \_\_\_\_\_ years have lived their entire life WITH the continual growth of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ phones. We are only 1 generation into this digital age and the advancements are coming faster than most can keep up! Consider: we have gone from \_\_\_\_\_ to virtual \_\_\_\_\_ in this time- that is incredible.

In fact, the Internet was birthed as \_\_\_\_\_-sharing between remote computers in 1966. In 1981, it was expanded by governmental funds that allowed for super-

computing at several universities (like Stanford and MIT). This resource-sharing was referred to \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced Research Projects Agency NETwork), and it was formally decommissioned in 1990. With the passage of the National \_\_\_\_\_ Act of 1991 (the \_\_\_\_\_ Bill) the door was open to the building of communication networks, databases, and software that would be available to public and private sectors. Within 15 years, Internet host had grown from \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide to 100,000,000s! With the rise of the first keyboard-less smartphone (2007), access to the world-wide web was now at the fingertips of each user.

We are now advancing with AI (Artificial Intelligence). This is something that most people interact with to some degree every day. These systems have been developed that can do complex tasks in manufacturing and healthcare. The capability of reaching the masses with the gospel has been \_\_\_\_\_ by AI. Equally, the advancement of mis-information and \_\_\_\_\_ has as well.

The current technological advancements demand prudence in the heart of every child of God. We can not simply pass on, for punishment will come. We must know how to \_\_\_\_\_ in Biblical Truth and find the shelter midst the storm. As stated earlier, a prudent man has wisdom. The obtaining of wisdom is of paramount \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 4.7-8). How do we get wisdom! (Matt. 7.24-29)

\* We must develop TWO \_\_\_\_\_:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

If our families would be preserved from this common danger, we must not be seek our own \_\_\_\_\_, but God’s principles. We must not follow our own \_\_\_\_\_, but follow after righteousness. We must not be lackadaisical and \_\_\_\_\_, but consistent and intentional. We must not \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves (Jam. 1.22), for danger may already be at our gate!