

The background is a gradient from dark purple on the left to dark blue on the right, with a starry or particle-like texture. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. A prominent one is a large circle with a scale around its perimeter, marked with numbers from 140 to 260 in increments of 10. Other circles are partially visible, some with dashed lines and arrows, suggesting motion or data flow.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN DIGITAL CULTURE

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR DIGITAL LIVES

- Neil Postman; Jacques Ellul; Sherry Turkle, *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other* (Basic Books, 2012)
- iDiscipline = a regular habit of Christian discipleship that engages (and omits) digital technology purposefully for more reverent relationship with God.
- Like asceticism in 1 Tim 4, technologism overemphasizes certain beliefs and practices, so that Christian disciplines must compensate through their negation (“don’t”), promotion (“do”), and transformation (“do in a different way”).
- Biblical Forms: Farewell Addresses (or Testaments), Psalms, Proverbs, Prophetic Oracles, Gospels, and Epistles.
- Spiritual Practices: Reading, Prayer and Song, Teaching and Learning, Proclamation, Hospitality and Encouragement.

BIBLICAL TESTAMENTS AND SPIRITUAL READING FOR DIGITAL LIVES

- Testaments or Farewell Addresses: Seen in the Hebrew Bible (Deut 31-32; Josh 23-24; 1 Sam 12; 1 Kngs 2), the Apocrypha (Tobit 14, 1 Macc 2), as well as the New Testament (Jn 13-17, Luke 22, Acts 20, 2 Tim, 2 Peter).
- Deuteronomy 31:10-12: 1) read regularly; 2) read reverently, as in the presence of God; and ,3) read carefully with fear and for obedience.
- specific, measured, agreed upon, realistic, and time-based (a.k.a. “SMART”) goals for reading
- <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans>
- <http://www.readersbible.org/reading-plans/>
- Todoist.com, Omnifocus, Google Calendar
- Choose Print, Focus Digital, Approach Purposefully
- Memorization: <http://navigators.org>; www.mcscott.org; <http://fighterverses.com>; <https://scripturetyper.com>; “Pitt Minion” Bibles