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## **Hot Button: How Should We Think About AI?**

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"If all of the AI systems decided to go on strike tomorrow, our civilization would be crippled: We couldn't get money from our bank, and indeed, our money would disappear; communication, transportation, and manufacturing would all grind to a halt."<sup>1</sup>

## **Two Big Questions and a Few Applications About AI**

### **Question #1: What Is AI?**

What AI is: The application of mathematics and software code to teach computers how to understand, synthesize, and generate knowledge in ways similar to how people do it. AI is a computer program like any other—it runs, takes input, processes, and generates output.<sup>2</sup>

**Application: AI is a tool, and it can help or harm depending upon who wields it.**

**Application: AI is a tool, but it's been shaped by human hands before it reaches you.**

**Application: Christians must engage in the creation and development of AI to stand against evil and be an example of what is good.**

### **Question #2: Does the Bible Address the Topic of AI?**

**Mark 12:30 (NIV):** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

**Application: Before using AI, ask yourself: Am I using this to think better or to avoid thinking altogether?**

**Ephesians 6:4 (NIV):** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Application: Parents should learn about these technologies and engage with their kids as they use them.**

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<sup>1</sup> Ray Kurzweil, *How to Create a Mind: The Secret of Human Thought Revealed*, pg. 158

<sup>2</sup> Marc Andreessen, <https://a16z.com/ai-will-save-the-world/>

**Matthew 24:24 (NIV):** "For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (NIV):** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

**Application: As deception increases, our love for the truth must become greater.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NIV):** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV):** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.