



CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS

**HOW IS TECHNOLOGY AFFECTING MY
FAITH AND MY CHILDREN'S FAITH?**



Do we have a problem with how we use our computers and personal devices?

Some tips for parents about those devices and the internet

How can the internet affect our Christian walk?

Discuss what should our goal be with respect to the use of devices?

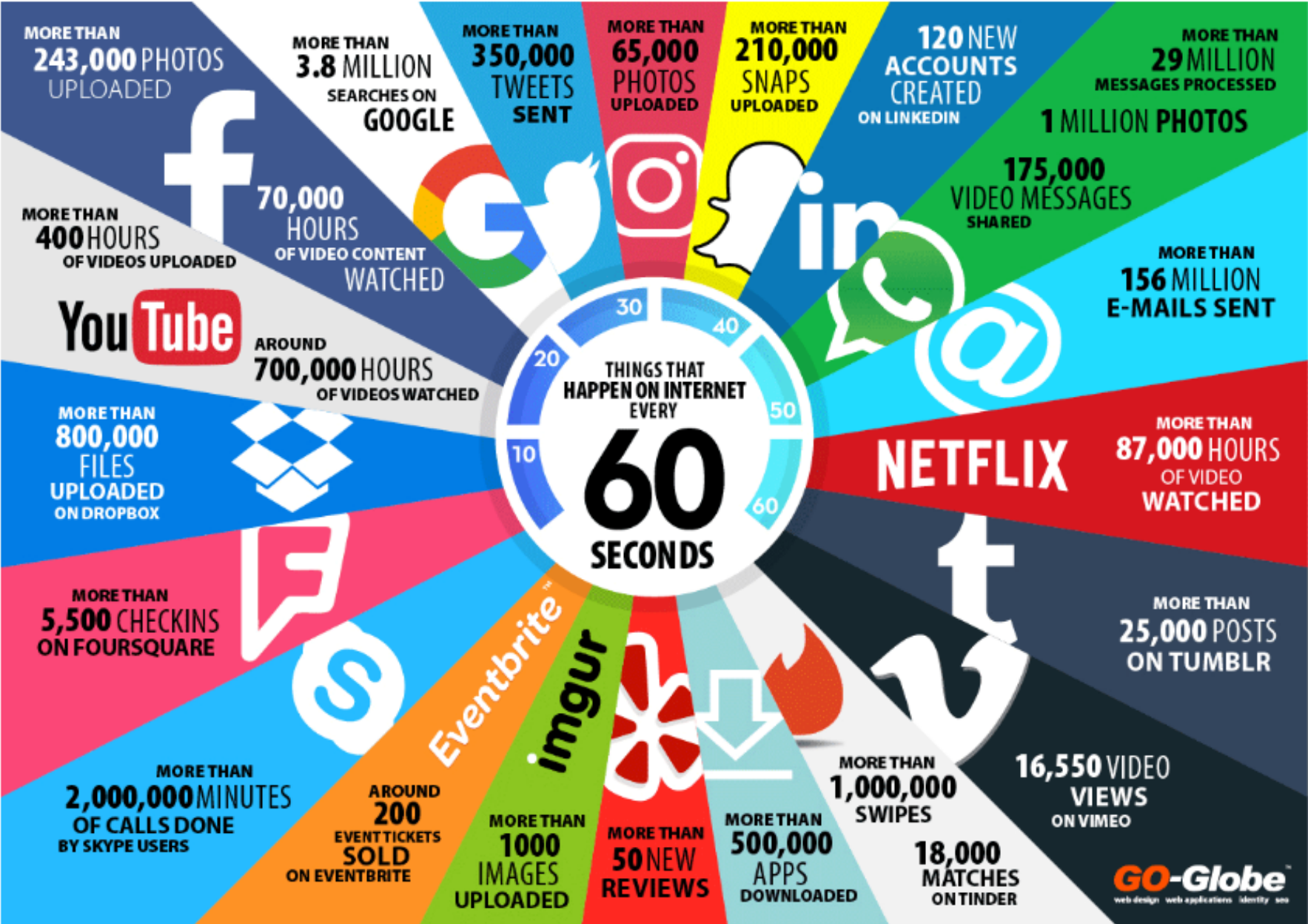
The bible was first printed with the Gutenberg printing press in the 1450's

The printing press was instrumental during the reformation that was started by Martin Luther in 1517

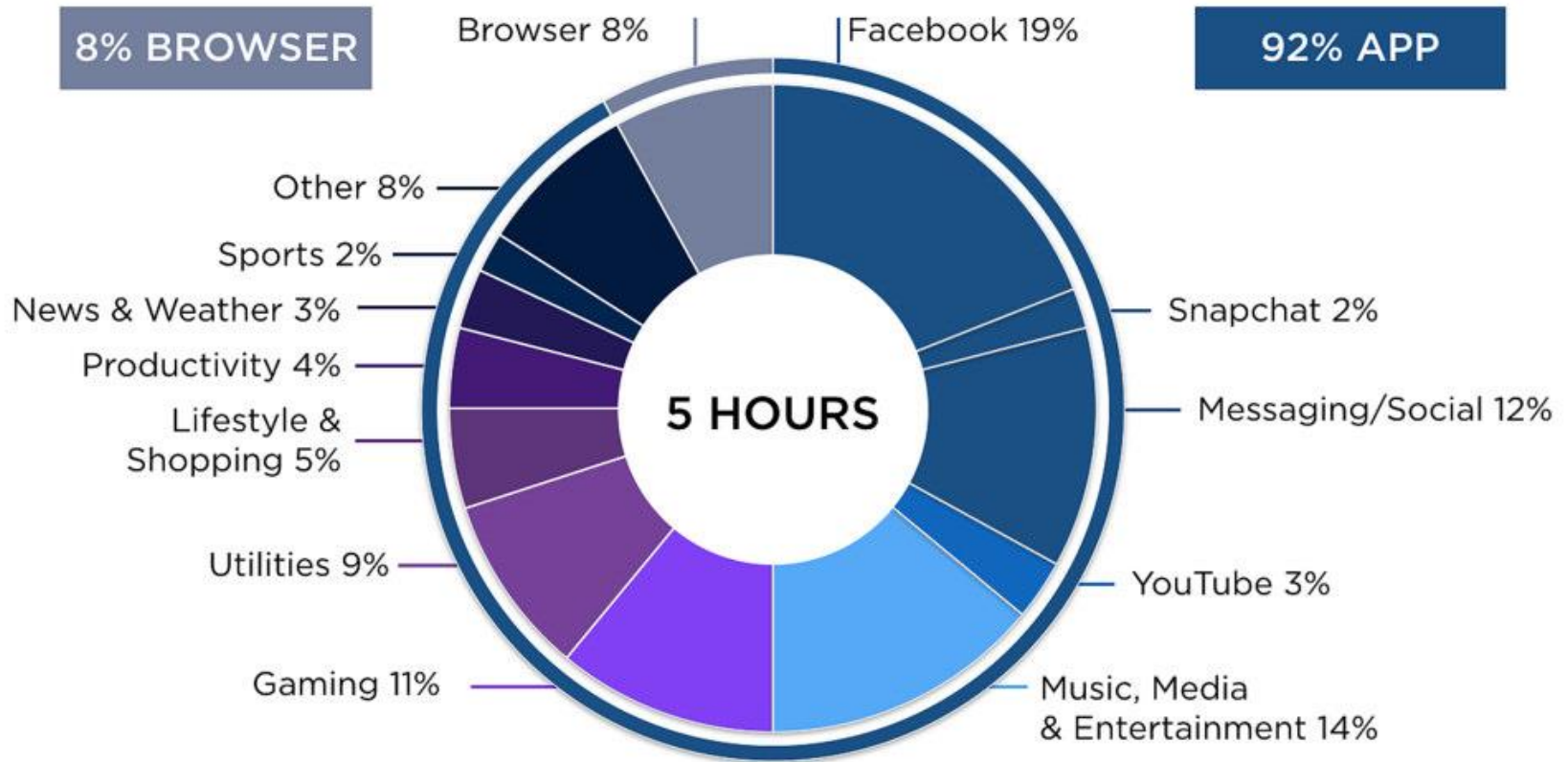
Printing presses introduced the era of mass communication, increased literacy rates beyond the social elites and paved the way for the amazing spread of the gospel throughout the world by allowing people to have bibles printed in their own language.



Over the last two years alone 90 percent of all the data in the world was generated.



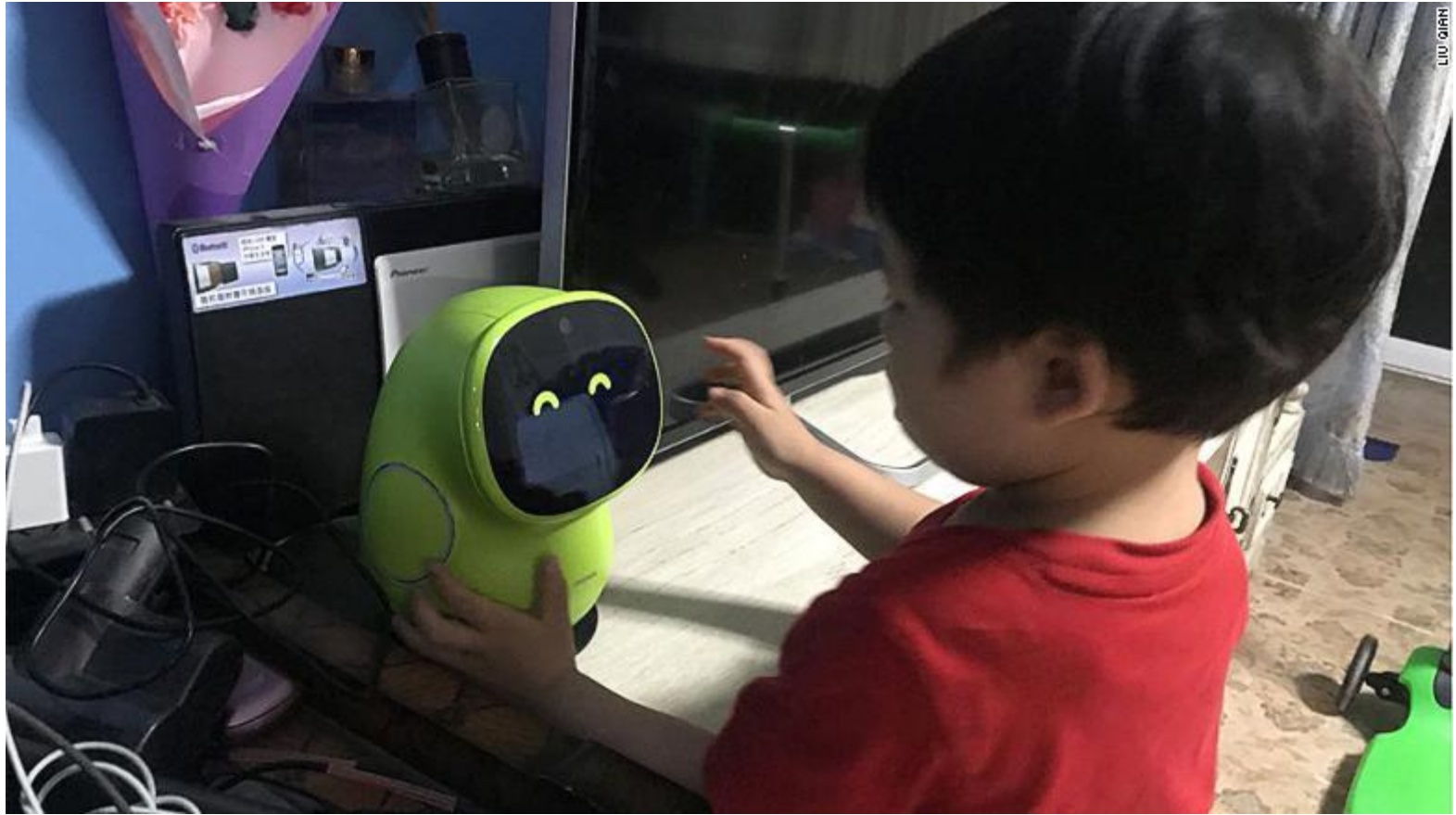
US Time Spent By App Category



Problematic Phone Use (PMPU) can be defined as 'an inability to regulate one's use of the mobile phone, which has negative consequences in daily life,' Dr Brendan Meagher stated in an article he wrote for Australian Psychological Society.

'As PMPU looks set to become one of the biggest behavioural addiction challenges of the 21st century there is increasing concern about the impact upon users' mental health.'





Tips for Parents

- *Don't overshare — there's no need to upload every single picture you take, and in effect use social media as a family picture album*
- *Being Facebook friends isn't enough. Educate ourselves on devices, computers and social media*
- *Abide by minimum age limits on social media apps*
- *Don't put full DOB or addresses on social media. Use the privacy controls that app's have*
- *Be very careful about any application that kids can live stream or send videos on (Tik Tok (Musical.ly), LiveMe, BigoLive, Periscope, SnapChat etc)*

Tips for Parents

- *No phones, tablets in bedrooms while sleeping*
- *Younger children should only use devices in common areas of the house*
- *Support outdoor activities, sports or volunteering, and events that involve face to face contact with friends, family and communities*
- *Be alert to any changes of behaviour (such as increased anxiety or withdrawal from friends)*
- *Consider parental control apps and time limiting apps*



1 John 2: 15-17

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

John 17: 14-16

I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do.

‘We should be in the world, but not of the world’

*It means that as believers in Jesus Christ we are physically present **in the world**, but we are no longer ruled by sin, nor are we bound by the principles **of the world**.*

Ephesians 4: 22-24

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians 6: 12

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

- *Got Questions?*



- *Through the Word*




- *Daily Bible*



- *Bible App for Kids*





“Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself.”

Susanna Wesley