

# He's God Of The Technical And The Tangible

“Relationship is the beginning, the middle, and the end of all God wants to do in your life.”  
*Our Core Value*

There is much misunderstanding when it comes to knowing the way God's Kingdom operates. From the beginning of time God has designed this world, its contents, humans, and His kingdom to operate from a core principle. That core principle resides in the balance of both the technical and tangible elements of God's nature and character.

Our context will be taken from two key passages of Scripture - Genesis 1 and John 1.

## **The balance of the technical and tangible nature of God:**

### **Technical – In the beginning God made ... *Genesis 1***

Notice the technical aspects of God's Creation. Days 1 - 3 are very technical. He establishes the rudimentary core element of our solar system and our planet. So detailed and concise He is that we can now measure every aspect.

- The sun & moon: Shows consistency of His technical nature. They rise and fall like clockwork.
  - The oceans hold their bounds, the seasons can be measured, time can be counted.
  - Most never question whether the moon will fall out of the sky, or the sun will refuse to shine.
  - Creation is a great balance of between both technical and tangible nature of God.
- Technical – Days 1 - 3. Establishes law of order of the creation. He FORMS.
  - Tangible – Days 4 - 6. Establishes the tangible contents of creation. He FILLS.
  - This pattern establishes how God will forever work within these bounds.

## **God made humans within the bounds of this technical and tangible system.**

- Technical: Man made out of dust of the earth
- Tangible: God breathed the breath of life into him.
- Technical: God placed humans in a garden with a command.
- Tangible: He walked with them in the cool of the day.

## **God has always worked with humans inside the bounds of technical and tangible.**

- Technical: Man had to till the ground to produce fruit.
- Tangible: But Enoch could walk with God.
- Technical: Noah had to build a boat to exact dimensions.
- Tangible: God filled that boat with animals.
- Technical: Moses received the 10 commandments.
- Tangible: The cloud and fire followed them day and night and they ate manna daily.
- Technical: Moses received instructions on exactly how to carry the Ark of the Covenant.
- Tangible: Uzzah reached out his hand to steady it and he died.
- Technical: Solomon built God a temple.
- Tangible: The glory filled the temple.

## **God bound His own self to the system of technical and tangible.**

- After thousands of years, humans became very adept at dividing the technical and tangible aspects of God. It's why the Pharisees could be so studied in law but miss Jesus as God.
- By the time Jesus arrived on the scene, religion (technical - over 650 laws) trumped tangible (love)
- God inserted Himself into a technical religion (Judaism) to show His tangible nature (Jesus in flesh) John 1:14
- God had to come the way all other humans came (via the birth canal) to honor His own system. (Luke 1:26-35)

**The issue arises when we keep this system divided when it comes to knowing and serving God. Have we become so technical that we forgot about the tangible?**

**Even how we DO CHURCH has this war going on between technical and tangible.**

- Technical church – usually big churches
  - every thing works as planned
  - excellence is high priority
  - lighting & sound system are perfect
  - every detail mapped out
  - everyone on time
  - church starts and ends on time – a strict schedule order followed
  - more about the overall mission

**Do you get so caught up in the technical that you don't realize God showed up?**

- Tangible church – usually small churches
  - waiting hours for God's presence to show up
  - subjective feeling usually governs the moment
  - don't worry about details, just want to stay in God's presence
  - no system for childcare (check in/check out)
  - more about the moment

**Do you get so caught up in the tangible that no structure is in place?**

**Who is right the technical or the tangible?**

- Technical vs. tangible splits churches – denominations form.
- What happens if we decide to do both? What if we become balanced?

**The WORD became flesh - John 1:1-14**

After 4000 years of technical (rules, law, no one except priest could enter His presence), God becomes tangible in Jesus (Jesus died so we all could enter God's presence).

**God is both technical and tangible and that can be seen in Jesus.**

Jesus kept the Sabbath but broke the Sabbath to heal someone.

Jesus couldn't touch a leper because of religious law, but He healed a leper.

Jesus was supposed to stone the adulterer, but He forgave her.

God hates sins (does not/cannot touch sin) because He is Holy, Jesus loves (touches) the sinner – He saved us

**God is so technical (sin cannot be in His presence) that He killed Jesus so we could know Him (tangible). Jesus was full of both GRACE (tangible) and TRUTH (technical)**

- We cannot move the kingdom forward staying divided. We have to live with the Word being the absolute bounds of God, while over grace to those we minister to.
- We cannot live so technical that we offer no room for God's Spirit to move.
- We cannot be so tangible that we make no room for order and growth.

**READ JOHN 2 and consider this: For God's kingdom to grow and reach the world with His miraculous power it takes a merging of the technical and tangible.**

- Technical: Fill those 6 jars with water to the brim.
- Tangible: Water turns to wine.

The moral: To the level you are technical is the level God's tangible presence can be displayed to the world. If your church model (jar) - leadership ability (jar) is only a 200 jar, then no matter how much you try you will never fill that jar more than 200. When you increase the technical (Order) God can increase the tangible.

Technical  
Condemn  
Truth  
Rules  
Punishment

Tangible  
Redeem  
Grace  
I forgive  
Call on Me