

Security Briefs 044 – AI Security Challenges Part 6

A Framework for Wise Use

We've explored the risks of AI: information security, operational manipulation, privacy threats, and spiritual dangers. Now let's tie it all together.

Here are five guiding principles for wise AI use in ministry:

1. Protect sensitive data — never feed names, strategies, or donor info into AI tools.
2. Verify, don't assume — always confirm AI outputs with trusted human sources.
3. Guard identity and privacy — strengthen authentication and limit oversharing.
4. Stay rooted in community — let accountability and fellowship guide your decisions.
5. Keep worship at the center — if AI doesn't lead you toward Christ, it may be leading you away.

Here's an illustration. A ministry team decided to use AI to help draft communication. But before long, they found themselves relying on it for every message — even prayer updates. The words looked polished, but they no longer reflected their hearts. Once they recognized the drift, they scaled back and returned to writing together in prayer, allowing AI only to help with formatting. That shift restored both authenticity and integrity.

The lesson is simple: AI can serve us, but it must never master us. Used with vigilance and faith, it can amplify our mission. Used carelessly, it can compromise it.

Now you know.

In our next series, we'll turn to another pressing challenge facing global workers.

Episode Summary

This episode concludes the series with five guiding principles for wise AI use and an illustration of a team that drifted into over-reliance. It reinforces the message: AI is a tool, powerful but not ultimate, and must be kept under the lordship of Christ.