

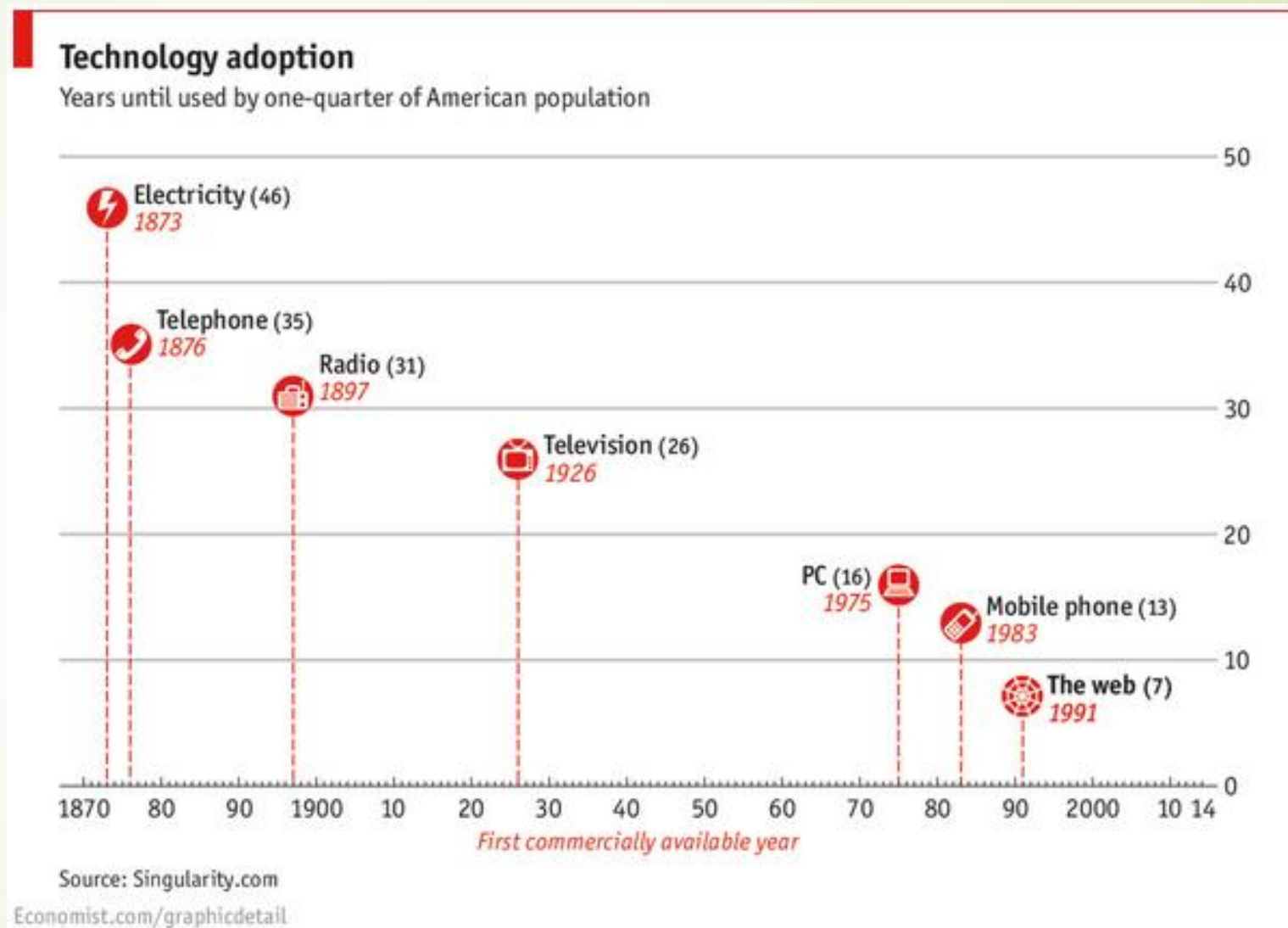
A man in a white shirt and dark trousers is running to the right, holding a laptop. The background is a wall covered in various sketches, including a lightbulb, envelopes, a building, a telephone, and an eye. The text "Unchanged Truth in a Changing World" is overlaid in white. Below the title, "Father's Day 2018" and "2 Corinthians 4:16-18" are written in white. An orange arrow points to the right on the left side of the image.

Unchanged Truth in a Changing World

Father's Day 2018

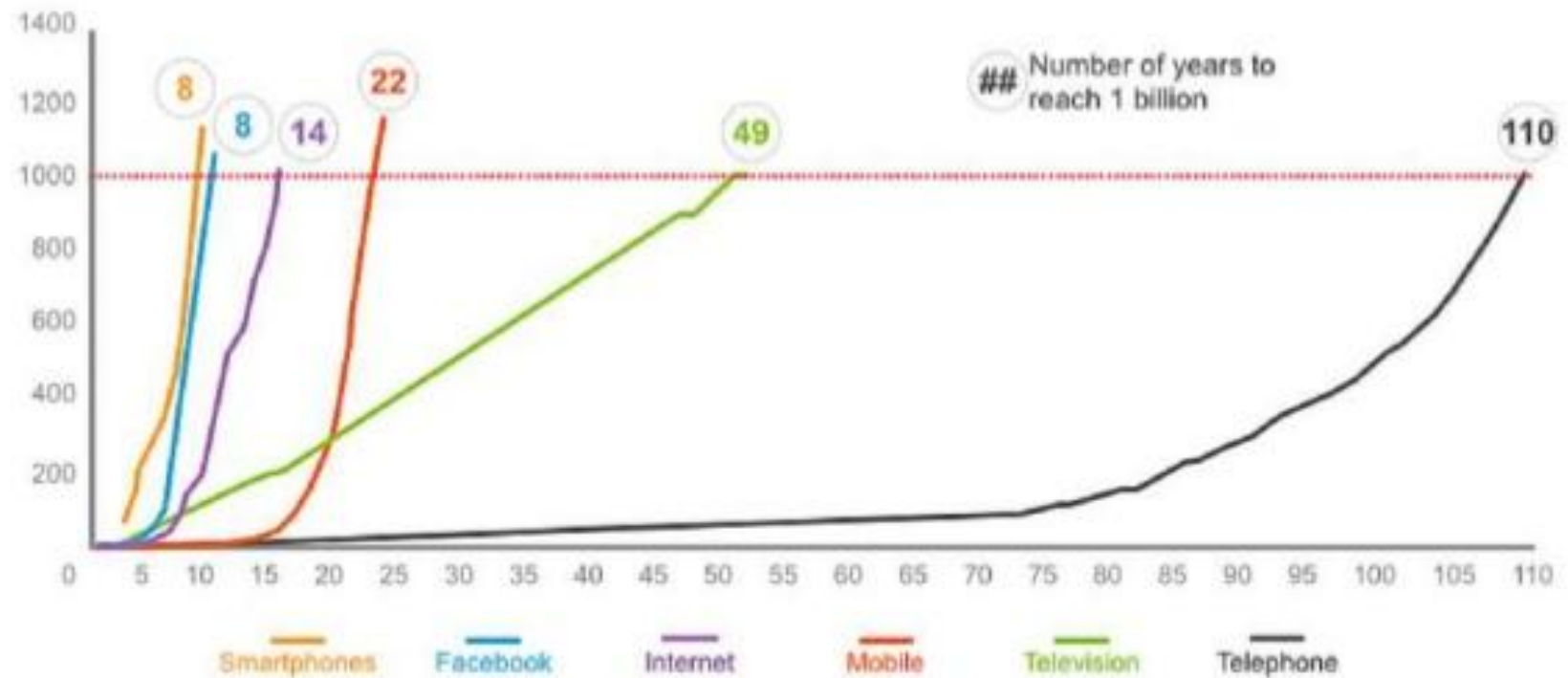
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- ▶ The world is not only **changing**, it is changing **faster** and faster (Eccl. 3:1)
- ▶ The world your children (or grandchildren) face someday will be a very **different** world than our world today
- ▶ How will that affect us as **parents**?



PACE OF CHANGE HAS ACCELERATED

Adoption of digital technology is set to accelerate



Source: Secondary Research, BCG Analysis (BCG, Google, Insurance @ Digital 20X by 2020), Morgan Stanley Research

Technology adoption time frames are compressing because the consumer is demanding it.



*It is a wise father that **knows** his own child.*

William Shakespeare

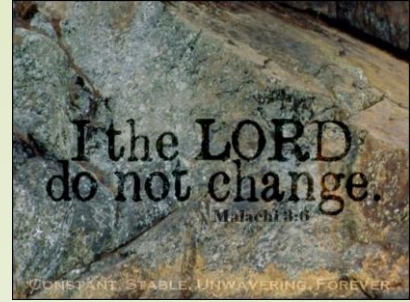
- Do you know the **world** of your child? Or are you still stuck in your world and wish everything was back to how it was 10, 20, 30 years ago?
- We cannot know our children well until we know the world that they are living in (ill: social media)
- Are you willing to learn about this **new** and **changing** world and the new way of doing things? (Prov. 18:15)
- Sensible advice for parents would be to **adapt** quickly to this changing world...but this won't entirely solve the problem...since we cannot know the future



Happy families are **all alike**; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. Leo Tolstoy

- What makes a happy family “happy”? Those things have not changed and will never change
- God does **NOT** change (Mal. 3:6) and neither do His principles, characteristics, and teachings
- In contrast, our world is “**transient**” (2 Cor. 4:16-18)
- The sad thing is that we get confused about that, then act and plan as if the world around us will not change, especially in raising our children (ill: jobs)
- If we are **confused** in what is changing and what is not, we may fail to prepare our children for the world that is to come (Luke 5:37)

Our Unchanging God



- Nevertheless, no matter how the world is changing, we must anchor in the **unchanging** God. (Heb. 13:8; 6:18)
- **Love** never goes out of style, nor do any **godly behaviors** (Gal. 5:22-23) These are the things that we need to focus on in passing onto our children
- Moreover, creativity, tenacity, resourcefulness, & good work ethics (Col. 3:23-24; Eccl 9:10) are **useful** no matter how the world changes
- (Luke 5:37) It is what we put in the wineskin that has the true value, not the wineskin itself.

Conclusion

- Have you examined what the **unchanging truth** is, or just some **universal opinions**? (Phil. 4:8)
- We need to be aware of the coming world that our children will face
- But far more importantly, we need to teach them **the unchanging God** and His principles (Psa. 102:25-28)
- And no matter how the world is changing, God is always **going** with us (Jos. 1:9)
- And we can **call on Him** at any time (Phil. 4:6-7)

