**Theological Foundations of Software Development Reflection**

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In today’s world, software development is often seen as a technical job. People usually focus on speed, performance, and getting things to work. But for Christian developers, writing code is more than just solving problems. It is a way to reflect God’s character and to be part of His creative work. In his article *Theological Foundations of Software Development*, Robertson (2024) shares seven principles to help Christians connect their faith to their work as developers. These principles include ideas like the Creation Mandate, Bringing Order to Chaos, Writing Fallen Code, Loving Your Neighbor, Being Your Brother’s Keeper, and Glorifying God. Each of these reminds us that our work has spiritual meaning.

The principle that speaks to me the most is Beauty. As someone who usually thinks about whether a website works well, looks have sometimes been a second thought. But Robertson (2024) reminds us that beauty is not extra—it is important to God. God created a world full of beauty: the stars, sunsets, mountains, and flowers. He even gave special instructions in the Bible to make the temple beautiful. That means beauty has spiritual value. When we design software that is both useful and beautiful, we reflect the character of the God who made us. This idea inspired me to think about a project I could do. I imagined a Bible app that is not only easy to use but also beautiful to look at. The colors would be calming, the transitions smooth, and the layout clean and elegant. The goal would be to help users feel peaceful and focused as they spend time with God. The app would not just be a tool but an experience that brings joy and helps people worship. Robertson (2024) says that beauty points us to God, and that is what I want the design to do. I have also had a chance to apply this principle in real life.

Right now, I’m doing a remote internship for a startup marketing company in Vietnam. I’m responsible for managing and building their website. The company made it clear that they do not want a typical design. They want something creative and different that shows their brand's values. This has given me the opportunity to take the principle of beauty seriously. I am learning that beauty in design is more than appearance—it creates a connection with users. In this project, I am building a site where users can read blog posts, learn about services, and contact the team. Normally, a basic layout might be enough. But I wanted to go further. I used colors that feel warm and pleasant, fonts that are easy to read, and enough white space to make the page feel open. I also used soft animations that make the site feel alive without being distracting. I stayed away from templates and tried to create a custom design that feels fresh and inviting. This way of working made me think more about the users. A beautiful website can help people feel calm, inspired, and welcomed. As Robertson (2024) explains, beauty can move people in ways that simple facts or functions cannot. For me, this is where the ethical part of design comes in. If I see my users as people made in God’s image, then I want to give them something that respects their time and brings joy. A well-designed website shows care and love for others.

Of course, working this way has not been easy. One big challenge was making sure the beauty of the design did not hurt the performance of the site. Some animations looked nice but made the site slower. I had to ask myself: Is this feature helping the user, or is it just there for show? I also got different opinions from the team. Some wanted the design to be simple and clean, while others wanted it bold and full of color. This made me think about culture and audience. What kind of beauty really reflects God and serves people best? Even with these challenges, I believe that following the principle of beauty has long-term benefits. It helps developers think more deeply about their work. We start asking not just “Does it work?” but also “Does it inspire?” and “Does it show love?” A thoughtful design can help users feel more relaxed, trust the product more, and enjoy the experience. In the big picture, when Christian developers focus on beauty, we can help bring more kindness, care, and excellence into the tech world.

In the end, this internship and project helped me see software development in a new way. It is not just technical work—it is also spiritual and moral work. The principle of beauty taught me to see every line of code and every design decision as a chance to glorify God. I want my work to show others that God is not only powerful and wise but also deeply beautiful. That is the kind of software I want to build—not just something that works, but something that lifts people’s hearts and gives glory to the One who made us.

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