

Digital tools.

We live in a marvelous age. Paper books are being augmented with digital tools like tablets, laptops, computers, and even cellphones.

For example many preachers have moved to iPhone or Android tablets for their preaching.

I have been using tablets, mostly Android as they are typically cheaper than Apple products.

In my ministry book sales, since 2020 almost all my sales are either pdf or Kindle for my Amazon listed books. So my readers are moving from paper.

I went on Amazon, and tablets come in several sizes. 13 inch, 10.1 inch, 8 inch, and 7 inch. Generally cell phones are smaller than the 7 inch tablets. Prices range significantly.

I got a 10.1 inch tablet by Feonal, current for 2024. It cost \$149. It displays a typical 8.5 x 11 paper easily as just slightly smaller in size. This is now my main tablet.

All these tablets can read pdf files. My wife's iPad can also.

Since Android is related to Google, I send the pdf to my Gmail account, and download it to my tablet.

I got a 7 inch tablet for \$33 offered by BYANDBY. I got a Lenovo 8 inch touch tablet that was renewed for \$79 with 2GB RAM and 16GB SSD, but not expandable to 1 TB like the other 2 are..

Both the 8 and 7 inch sizes are roughly the size of what used to be called pocket paperback books. To make the font larger, you can turn the book from vertical to horizontal. With or without my glasses I can read either one in vertical format.

Both the Feonal and Lenovo devices are newer and work faster. The BYAND BY is slightly slower to open, but once the pdf is opened, all act about the same.

The Feonal 10.1 inch has 128GB ROM+16GB RAM (8+8 Virtual) +1TB TF Expandable. The BYANDBY has 4GB-32GB/1TB expandable.

For general reading, they all work well, the only issue is price you are willing to pay.

I also downloaded several Bible software for study and preaching. This reduces significantly the size and weight of what I have to carry, especially when I fly.

My books range from 2 MB to 10 MB, so all have plenty of capacity for them. I don't use games and all the other timewasting diversions that people seem to love.

As an author, I think I can edit, at least spot things to fix, almost as well as with paper printed draft copies. When I see something, I mark it and then I take a picture with my cellphone for when I can get back to my regular computer.

For the Feonal and Lenovo, I can make editing marks on the screen. I tried several different pen products and none worked better than my fingertip. Not very precise or fine but I can circle or underline places to edit. The 7 inch BYAND BY is just too small for me, since I have other choices.

All have a battery life of at least 8 hours.

