

Living a Christian Worldview

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Ephesians 4:1 “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”

Ephesians 5:15-16 “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” (cf. Col. 2:6-7; 1 Thess. 4:1; 3 John 1:3-4)

Romans 12:1-2 (The Message): “So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.”

I. Worldview Background

A. A **“worldview”**: “Basic beliefs we assume or think to be true about the _____ **BIG** _____ questions of life.”

B. Different worldviews offer different answers to these questions.

1. Big worldview questions (about God, Jesus, the universe, life, humanity, ethics, death, etc.).
2. Different worldview answers:
 - a. Secular Humanism
 - b. Nihilism
 - c. Existentialism
 - d. Postmodernism
 - e. Deism
 - f. New Age Pantheism
 - g. Christianity (vs. “progressive” Christianity)

C. A **“Christian worldview”**: “Basic beliefs we assume or think to be true about the BIG questions of life *that are informed by the _____ **WORD** _____ of God and directed by a _____ **LOVE** _____ for God.*”

1. Informed by the Word of God (Luke 11:28; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12).
2. Directed by a love for God. (Cf. the “greatest commandment”: Mk. 12:30; Matt. 22:37; Lk. 10:27; Deut. 6:5).

D. **YOUR** Christian worldview?

1. What is YOUR actual worldview?
2. What should it mean to LOVE God in how you LIVE?

II. How To Live a Christian Worldview (See the chart on “Levels of a Christian Worldview”)

2 Corinthians 10:5 “We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”

A. Personal capacities

1. _____ **MIND** _____
2. _____ **ATTITUDE** _____
3. _____ **SPEECH** _____
4. _____ **ACTIONS** _____
5. _____ **WILL** _____

B. Core integrity (See the chart on “How’s Your Personal Integrity?”)

1. The “**core**” of who you are.
2. God’s “greatest commandment” (Mk. 12:30; Matt. 22:37; Lk. 10:27; cf. Deut. 6:5).
3. Integrity vs. hypocrisy
4. Bible passage exercise
 - a. **Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - b. **Col. 3:5-10** 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
 - c. **Ephesians 4:25-32** 25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

C. Personal

1. Reading; hobbies; leisure; money; education; social media; work; sexuality; Internet; music; media.
2. Choose TWO areas most relevant to you.

D. Relational

1. Children; parents; brother(s); sister(s); friends; grandparents; boy/girl friend; church leaders; co-workers; boss; employees; spouse.
2. Choose TWO areas most relevant to you.

E. Educational

1. Theology; law; politics; economics; art; history; psychology; biology; philosophy; education; sociology; anthropology.
2. Choose TWO areas most relevant to you.

F. Cultural

1. Missions; poor; hungry; homeless; orphan; social justice; unwanted pregnancy; child care; disasters; elderly; crisis care; prisons; health care.
2. Choose TWO areas most relevant to you.

G. Testimonial (1 Pet. 3:15; Col. 2:8; 2 Cor. 10:5; Jude 1:3).

1. Christian witness and apologetics for those with other worldviews: Secular Humanism; Deism; Nihilism; Existentialism; Postmodernism; Pantheism; New Age; Cults; Animism; Paganism; Islam; etc.
2. Choose TWO PEOPLE you would most like to witness to.

III. Ongoing Decision

Romans 12:1 “So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an **OFFERING**.” (The Message)

Reflection and Discussion on “Living a Christian Worldview”

Use your session notes and other resources to reflect on, and discuss, the following.

1. Reflect on the chart on “How’s Your Personal Integrity?” that displays five human capacities. (a) Rank these capacities (1-5) as to their priority in your Christian life up until now. (b) Which one could use the most improvement? Why? (c) What practical steps could you take to make some improvements?
 - a. Mind (think, believe, imagine)
 - b. Attitude (feelings, emotions, conscience)
 - c. Speech
 - d. Actions
 - e. Will (desires, motives)
2. Refer to the chart on “How’s Your Personal Integrity.” (a) Read one or two Scriptures for each of the five capacities and (b) explain how the Scripture connects with one or more of the five capacities.
3. Refer to the chart on “Levels of a Christian Worldview.” (a) Identify two items on the chart that seem especially important or relevant in your life. Why are they especially important or relevant? (b) Identify one or two items on the chart that you could especially focus on—things you could pursue in order to live your Christian worldview with greater impact.