

Living Christian Truth in a Doubting World

West Side Christian Church Next Steps Summer Study

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The Motivation for Living a Christian Worldview

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Introduction

- A. The “next step.”
- B. God’s call to the “next step”: _____ **MATURITY** _____
(Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1-3).
- C. Objectives this session:
 - 1. To become acquainted with a valuable tool for your “next step.”
 - 2. To pursue the proper motivation for living a Christian worldview.
 - 3. To see the big picture of what living a Christian worldview involves.

I. A Valuable Tool For Your Next Step: The Worldview Tool.

- A. A “worldview”: “The basic beliefs one assumes or thinks to be true about life’s _____ **BIGGEST** _____ questions.”
 - 1. Life’s biggest questions.
 - 2. Different worldview answers.
 - 3. Visual illustrations of how a worldview works.
- B. A “Christian worldview”: “The basic beliefs one assumes or thinks to be true about life’s biggest questions *that are informed by the* _____ **WORD** _____ of God, motivated by the _____ **LOVE** _____ of God, and lived by the _____ **POWER** _____ of God.” (See John 17:17; Mark 12:30; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; Eph. 1:13-14; Luke 11:28; Colossians 1:10; 3:1-17).
 - 1. Based on _____ **TRUTH** _____.
 - 2. Motivated by _____ **LOVE** _____.
 - 3. Empowered by the _____ **SPIRIT** _____.

II. The Fundamental Motivation for Living a Christian Worldview.

- A. What commandment is the “most _____ **IMPORTANT** _____”? (Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 10:27).
 - 1. There are _____ **613** _____ Old Testament commandments.
(_____ **248** _____ “positive” and _____ **365** _____ “negative”)
 - 2. The “least” (Deut. 22:6).
 - 3. The “most” (Deut. 6:5): To _____ **LOVE** _____ God.
 - 4. The “second” most important? (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31-33; Luke 10:27-28; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8): To _____ **LOVE** _____ your _____ **NEIGHBOR** _____.

- B. Comparing passages (Deut. 6:4-7 and Mark 12:28-31; cf. Matt. 22:35-39 and Luke 10:25-28).

Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Mark 12:29-30

1. What are the differences?
 2. Why are there differences?
 3. The most important commandment comes from the SHEMA (Deut. 6:4-9), which is Hebrew for HEAR.
 4. The Hebrew word for "heart" (*leb*) already includes the idea of MIND.
So, there is NO difference in MEANING.
- C. Compare the questions to Peter in Matthew 16:15 and John 21:15-17.
WHO am I? vs. Do you LOVE me?
- D. God's truth is not just something to HAVE;
it is something to LIVE (1 John 1:6; 2:3-4; John 14:15,23).

III. Seeing the BIG Picture: The "Layers" of a Christian Worldview.

(See the charts on the series webpage.)

- A. Your personal INTEGRITY.
1. MIND (thoughts, beliefs, imagination)
 2. HEART (feelings, emotions, conscience)
 3. STRENGTH (body, actions, speech)
 4. SOUL (will, deepest desires, motivations)
- B. Your INDIVIDUAL Involvement.
- C. Your RELATIONAL Investment.
- D. Your ACADEMIC Interaction.
- E. Your SOCIAL Impact.
- F. Your APOLOGETIC Influence.

IV. Reflections

- A. WHERE are you?
- B. What NEXT STEP can you take?