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Allowing God to Shape Your Worldview

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What is a Worldview?

Your worldview is how you see the world (Culture) around you and interpret and react to events

A worldview is the core of what you truly believe

Everyone has a worldview



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Exploring Your Worldview

How did we get here?

Where are we going?

What is the nature of reality?

What is the nature of God?

What is the nature of truth?



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What is the nature of human beings?

What happens to human beings when they die?

What guidelines determine human behavior?

Where did we go wrong or have we gone wrong?

Is there a fix?



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"Christian" Worldview

Biblical Worldview



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A Conflicted Worldview

68% who consider themselves to be Christians claim to have a Biblical worldview, yet only 9% do

69% of adults who attend a mainline Protestant church claim they have a biblical worldview 8% actually have one

31% of adults say it is very important for their religious faith to influence every dimension of their life



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A Conflicted Worldview

29% believe that the best indicator of success in life is consistent obedience to God

33% believe that human beings are born with a sinful nature and can only be saved from the consequences of sin by Jesus Christ

47% believe that when they die they will go to Heaven only because they have confessed their sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior



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Eroded Foundation

“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Psalm 11:3

The Foundation was not Set!



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The House will Fall

Matthew 7:24-27



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Sermon Series



The Benefits of Possessing A Strong Biblical Worldview



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Biblical Worldview

Benefit 1: Not be Taken Captive

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:8



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Biblical Worldview

Benefit 1: Not be Taken Captive

Paul sees the absence of strong foundation as a means of being taken captive

A strong foundation built on Biblical Principles

Hollow and deceptive philosophy

Human tradition

The elemental spiritual forces of this world



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Benefit 2: Not be Led Astray

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

1 Timothy 6:20-21



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Benefit 2: Not be Led Astray

Timothy was left on in Ephesus to pastor a church

In Biblical times the city of Ephesus was known for its idolatry and pagan practices

Godless chatter

Opposing ideas

Falsely called knowledge

Departing Faith



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Benefit 3: Leads to Self Examination

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Corinthians 13:5



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Benefit 3: Leads to Self Examination

Do you believe what you believe because you believe it or you were told to believe it?

Paul did tell us to walk by faith not by sight

He NEVER sanctioned blind faith

Examine, Look, Know, Discover, Work Out

Discipleship



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End Goal - Colossians 2:2-3

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.


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