

Contrasting Worldviews

The Natural Worldview

To properly disciple another person, we need to know the natural worldview's answers to the fundamental questions that all people face. Only when we keep these in mind will we begin to effectively communicate Truth in such a way that it can conflict and ultimately replace these lies with Biblical worldview perspectives.

The diagram below shows eight categories that comprise the fundamental questions of life. From this point forward, we will refer to these categories as "worldview pillars." Together, these pillars form a system through which each person views and interprets reality. In other words, this "system" is their "worldview."

The natural worldview's answers to these fundamental questions (pillars) are provided below.

Authority: I answer to no one but myself

Righteousness: Ethics are flexible, defined by me, depending on the circumstance

Opposition: Many things, including myself, will provide roadblocks to my personal success

Mission: I exist to pursue my dreams for personal success and pleasure.

Identity: I define who I am

Faith: To accomplish my dreams, I must believe in myself

Hope: If I believe in myself, I can trust that my dreams will come true.

Love: I want to feel a deep sense of love and I will do anything to get it.



The Biblical Worldview

The closer we look at the life and ministry of Jesus, the more we clearly see his method of applying His “way” to the lives of those He was impacting. The first thing we notice, both in Jesus’ life and ministry and throughout His Word, is that He fundamentally challenged and worked to redefine the pillars of their worldview. He himself believed and lived out these principles and continually taught on them in new and fresh ways, always applying them to real-life situations. Jesus presents these recurring themes, not as ethical virtues, but, as holistic worldview shifts—new Biblical ways to reshape the foundations of life.

As the chief disciplemaker, Jesus modeled the necessity of a deep knowledge and experience in these principles. BEING and MAKING disciples involves developing a mindset like His that answers the deep questions of life from a Biblical perspective. With these Biblical responses in mind, we must strive then to cultivate deep convictions in sync with these Biblical answers. Our desire is that these Biblical answers would ultimately shape our own lives and the lives of those we are impacting.

Below are the Biblical worldview’s answers to the fundamental pillars.

Authority: Yield to the Father’s will and to the Spirit’s leading.

Righteousness: Recognize personal sin and in turn pursue the character and lifestyle of Jesus.

Opposition: Acknowledge, prepare for, and engage one’s enemy.

Mission: Align one’s life to God’s eternal objective.

Identity: View oneself as God declares you to be and live in the fullness of who Christ is.

Faith: Believe God’s truth over Satan/World system’s lies.

Hope: View the “temporary” in light of the “eternal”

Love: I freely accept and sacrificially demonstrate the serving love of Jesus.

