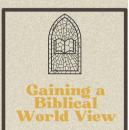
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Gaining a Biblical Worldview PASTOR AMY SWANSON

Foundation Verse

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



FRAME Questions:

What is a worldview? How should the bible inform my worldview?

How can I develop a habit of reading and learning from the bible?



Opening Image

Everyone has a worldview, it's how we perceive and understand the world around us and how we make key decisions in life. Think of a worldview like a pair of glasses. A worldview is the emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and psychological lens through which we see the world. If you don't believe in God and if you believe that man decides what is right and wrong, that worldview will affect how you look at relationships, morality, finances, government, and so much more. Our worldview informs our thoughts, dreams, relationships, and most of our day-to-day and long-term choices in life.

Questions #1

What is YOUR worldview? Share with your friend what shapes your personal world view.



Point 1

As Christians, our worldview should align with Jesus's worldview. How can we understand Jesus worldview? The answer...your Bible. The Bible is God's written plan of his redemptive mission for humanity. It is Heaven's worldview, and by reading and studying it, we discover what God thinks about all of life's major issues...the bible gives us a lens through which we can look at finance, family, significant relationships, justice, love, forgiveness, and so much more.

If we are to gain a Christ-centered, Godly worldview, it takes determination in our hearts and must be developed through reading and applying God's word.

Ouestions #2

How do you currently approach Scripture? Do you have a regular reading habit, and if so, share that habit?



Point 2

How can you start reading the Bible to develop or re-develop a habit that will lead to a biblical and Christ-like worldview?

- 1. You can start by reading through the Gospels in the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus. Reading through the Gospels will get you deep into the story, the life of Jesus.
- 2. Another way is to use a reading plan. Most reading plans systematically take you through the bible or certain aspects or sections of the bible. One such reading plan is called the Life Journal reading plan. This reading plan has daily passages to read in both the Old and New Testament and if you follow the plan, you will eventually read the entire Bible.

Question 2

Discuss what type of plan you would like to start and what is the best time of day for you to be successful in developing a consistent bible reading habit.

Some More Facts

The Bible is the number one best-selling book of all time. Did you also know that the Bible has tremendous influence over language and culture today, more than any other book? Linguist David Crystal wrote a book about the King James Bible and its influence on the English language. In his book, he states that there are 257 phrases from the Bible that are used in English idioms. Perhaps we should all consider what influence, besides catchy phrases the Bible has on our lives?





Point 3

Try the S.O.A.P method of reading scripture. SOAP is an acronym for writing down what is significant for you in what you've just read.

Scripture: Write down the Scripture that most captured your heart and mind in what you just read.

Observation: In 2-3 sentences write down what you observe from the passage,

Application: How can you apply this passage to your life and life choices today? Write it down.

Prayer: Write a simple prayer

Other Tips: 1. Take notes and use a highlighter in your Bible, and feel free to highlight or write down meaningful thought in the margins

2. Share what you've learned or want to apply. God's plan for spiritual growth for everyone is in the context of community.

Activity:

Read 1 John Chapter 1 (or any passage of your own choosing). Try applying the S.O.A.P method. Write your notes and ideas in your journal.