

“But I Tell You...” Intro.

What Do You See?

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Important Note: This is the beginning of a series looking at the ways Jesus asks us, as Christians, to live differently than the world.

Definition of a Worldview

- The way we look at the world around us.
- How we think, behave, and make decisions based on what we believe and what is important to us.
- A mental, spiritual, and emotional filter.

Is the idea of a Worldview even Biblical?

- The Bible does not use the word “Worldview.”
- Everyone has a worldview and each worldview seeks to answer questions that revolve around **Truth**.
 - The Bible has a LOT to say about truth.
 - Unfortunately, Subjective truth is often confused for Objective truth.

A Worldview based entirely off Subjective truth will easily lead people in all the wrong directions.

Worldview Examples:

- Atheism - Agnosticism - Pantheism - Panentheism
- Polytheism - Dualism - Deism - Monotheism
- Finite Godism - Naturalism - Existentialism - Individualism
- Consumerism - Nationalism - Nihilism - Theism
- Moral Relativism - Salvation by Therapy

What is a Biblical Worldview???

A Biblical Worldview acts as a filter. Everything we use to think, behave, and make choices is filtered through what the Bible says.

- Every choice, every action should agree with the Bible.
- It is dealing with everything every day in a manner that lets us see things God’s way; respond God’s way; and act God’s way about everything.
- When our feelings and preferences go against the Bible, we submit to the Bible, NOT our feelings and preferences (i.e., **Matt. 5:43-45**).

Why is a Biblical Worldview Important?

- A Biblical Worldview WILL determine the outcome of your life (**John 3:36**).
- Your Worldview sets your missions and goals.
- Your Worldview will affect the Worldview of those around you.

- Satan seeks any foothold he can get in our lives, so why leave the door wide open?
- A Biblical Worldview points us to the complete source of truth (**2 Tim. 4:1-5**).

Biblical Worldview is declining!

- The % of people with a Biblical Worldview is down to **4%!!!**
- The % of people who self-identify as Christians but hold a Biblical Worldview is down to **6%**.
- The % of Born-again Christians that hold a Biblical Worldview is down to **13%**. Less than 1 in 5 Born-again Christians hold a Biblical Worldview!
- In 2022, 37% of Christian Pastors held a Biblical Worldview.
- 82% of people have a non-Biblical Worldview!!!

How do we form and keep a Biblical Worldview?

- We ***MUST*** abide in God's Word.
 - Permanence; opposite of chaos.
 - Reading, contemplating, and applying it **every day**.
- We must abide with fellow believers (**1 Cor. 15:33**).
- Obey what God tells you to do.
- Stand for the truth (**2 Tim. 4:1-5**).

Next Steps:

- If you do not have a Bible reading habit, start. Start today!
- Find fellow believers to be with.
- Look at your life. What currently in your life contradicts the Bible? Then work to submit to the Bible in this.
- Come up with a list of the people you directly impact in your life. How does your current Worldview affect them? Is this in line with a Biblical Worldview? What needs to change?

Questions to meditate on and discuss:

1. What is your current Worldview? How was this formed in your life?
2. Who has had the biggest impact on your life so far? How?
3. How often do you read the Bible? When was the last time you read the Bible?
4. How consistently do you pray? What do you usually pray about?
5. Read **John 8:21-59**. Where do you see yourself in this passage? Are you one of Jesus' disciples? Are you following Him? Or are you struggling to listen to Him and accept Him?
6. What in your life right now is at odds with the Bible? Are you willing to fix this? What might God be telling you about this right now?
7. Read **Philippians 4:8**. Does this describe your life right now? How does this verse apply to your Worldview?
8. Is there something God is calling you to do in your life right now?