

Introduction:

First: what is a WORLDVIEW?

Your worldview is the lens through which I view everything in life.

Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates you never know what you're going to get."

MATERIALISM.

Luke 12:15 (NASB) "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

HEDONISM.

Matthew 16:25 (NASB) "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?"

PRAGMATISM.

Proverbs 16:25 (NASB) "There is a way that seems right for a man but in the end it leads to death."

NATURALISM.

Romans 1:20 (NASB) "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."

Romans 1:21 (NASB) "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, They know about God but they don't honor Him or even thank Him. They claim to be wise but they are fools."

Psalms 53:1a (NASB) "The fool has said in His heart 'There is no God.'"

HUMANISM.

Romans 1:25 (NASB) "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever."

THEISM.

Colossians 1:15-16 (NASB) "And He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

Second: Why does it MATTER what I believe?

The sincerity myth: _____

The situational myth: _____

What Does Belief Matter?

1. What we believe **SHAPES** what we do.

Proverbs 4:23(NASB) “ Watch over your heart with all diligence,For from it flow the springs of life.

2. What we believe brings **STABILITY** to our life.

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB) “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained. But truly blest is he who keeps the law.”

3. What we believe provides a **PLATFORM** for sharing.

1 Peter 3:15 (Amp.) “Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you. But do it courteously and respectfully.”

Third: How do I **STRENGTHEN** my worldview?

That’s what we’re going attempt to do throughout this series. But let me give you a quick overview.

1. **LEARN** the truth.

Proverbs 23:23 (NASB) “Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

2. **DISCERN** what is false

1 John 4:1 (NASB) “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

3. **TURN** from the world to the word.

Romans 12:2 (NASB) “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

4. **CONCERN** yourself with God’s agenda.

Matthew 6:33 (NASB) “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Application:

Take a moment and examine your own personal world-view. What has most directly impacted the formation of your personal world-view.

Materialism Hedonism Pragmatism
 Humanism Naturalism Theism

Take a moment and write one or two sentences that summarize your personal world-view.

Is there anything in your world-view that not consistent with the Word of God?

What has God shown you through this study that you need to pay specific attention to?

What particular adjustments do you need to make to more completely align your life with what God has said?

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