

Developing and Defending Your Biblical Worldview

Part 1 – Definition and The Problem

Definition

It is a _____ or _____ through which we look at and make _____ of the world.

It involves _____ about God, the _____, and mankind.

Everyone has one.

A worldview must match what is _____ about God, the universe, and mankind. Why?

The pieces or components of a worldview should interconnect like the knots on a net.

For example your view of _____, _____ and _____ should fit together.

List some of the questions a coherent worldview answers.

The Problem for many Christians:

Their worldview is not built squarely upon _____.

List some places where people pick up pieces of their worldview:

Their knowledge of Scripture is not thorough.

For some, the components are true but not _____.

They don't see how one thing connects to another.

The Goal: To help you develop the knowledge and skills to build a biblical worldview that will sustain you as you face the routine decisions of life and are challenged by ideas and events that you have not confronted before. See 1 Chronicles 12:32

Categories of Study Covered by a Worldview

We are not going to look at all of these topics and questions, but the point is that a person's worldview will speak to each of these areas. We will touch on some of these as we go along.

Theology – Is there a God? What is He like? What does He require of us?

Philosophy – What is true and how do we know? What is knowledge and how do we know what we know? What is good and beautiful?

Ethics – What is right? What is wrong?

Biology - What is life and where did it come from?

Psychology - What is man like? Why do I do and feel the way I do? What's wrong with us?

Sociology - How should humans relate to one another and group together? What kinds of societies are best? What about church, marriage and family?

Law – What is the role of law in our lives? Where do laws come from? What laws do we have to obey?

Politics - What's the relationship of ourselves to government? Where do governments come from and why do they exist?

Economics - How does money work? How do work, productivity and money relate? What about saving and investing?

History - Where is history going? What does it show us? Is knowledge of history important?

A great resource is [Understanding the Times](#) by David Noebel

(This is a thick textbook on the Christian worldview compared to humanism, Marxism, etc.)

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Part 2 – The Truth

What is truth? Pilate asked this important question in John 18:38. How would you answer it?

Is this true? – “All truth is God’s truth.” Why or why not?

What is true and how do we know?

What are presuppositions and why are they important?

Some thoughts on logic.

What is post-modernism and why is it dangerous? (See post-modernism summary sheet for more information)

Truth and your emotions.

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Part 3 – The Secure Foundation

Your Word is Truth!

What does it mean to say the Bible is the truth?

The Bible is _____ 2 Peter 1:3.

Read and meditate on the following passages of Scripture.

Hebrews 4: 12 2 Peter 1:19-21

Ephesians 1:13 Psalm 119:160

John 17:17 Colossians 1:5

Psalm 19:7–11

Our response is two-fold;

First, we must _____ it.

Second, we must _____ it.

That means we change what we _____ to match the Scripture.

We change how we _____ to match the Scripture.

We catch ourselves when we hear ourselves saying, “I just feel that...,” when it is in opposition to what the Bible says.

As painful as it is, we acknowledge that what God says is true, all the time, in every circumstance.

You don’t say, “This doesn’t mean me.”

I’m not talking about perfect obedience here. I’m talking about a mind-set.

Third, we must _____ _____ it (2 Timothy 2:15).

Things which must be distinguished (rightly divided):
(In each case list examples of things which sometimes are confused.)

Israel and the Church

Law and Grace

Old and New Covenants

Water baptism vs. Spirit baptism

What God says in the Bible compared to what man says in the Bible

A biblical individual's personal experience vs. what God expects of you and me.

All of this requires faithful study and accurate teaching.