

Thinking Like A Christian

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Life is comparable to a rollercoaster; it can have many ups, downs, loops, and unexpected curves. Although people try their best to be ready for everything life can throw at them, every once in a while something out of anyone's control happens. The best way to be ready for life is to learn all of its worldview aspects. Theology, philosophy, biology, psychology, ethics, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history are ten crucial aspects of life. And who else to look up to and follow these worldview aspects than God. In all of these viewpoints of the world, God can be found in each and every one. Learning how to see God in the aspects of life can and will be extremely beneficial in finding hope throughout life no matter what part of the roller coaster is coming up.

To begin with, every person behaves and decides what they will do based on the viewpoint of the world, otherwise known as worldview. Worldview is sometimes a viewpoint that cannot truly be seen but known about. People may behave according to a worldview to "be accepted in the world." For someone to be able to be accepted in the world, they first must be able to understand the categories of a worldview. A Christian's worldview should consider theology, philosophy, biology, psychology, ethics, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history and how they connect to Christianity. A Christian should fight for their worldview through their faith and spread the word of our Lord especially during the age of technology and how many things have changed with the world. According to *Thinking Like A Christian*, "Philosopher C.E.M. Joad found Christ and Christianity because he was seeking ethical truth. 'I now believe', he wrote, 'that the balance of reasoned considerations tells heavily in favour of the religious, even of the Christian view of the world.' Joad recognized the need for absolute truth, rather than a truth that evolves with each new theory. 'A religion which is constant process of revision to square with science's ever changing picture of the world might as well be easier to believe, but it is hard to believe it would be with believing.'" Here, the authors are using Joad's story to help readers understand the worldview of non-Christians fall back on a theory that constantly changes. However, Christianity's theory is constant throughout the period of the world. One constant theory to learn and make decisions based on is way easier than an always changing science theory. I have learned that using a Christian worldview can help me and others make easier decisions based on the whole truth, especially since that truth does not change.

The way we behave in life through our worldview is subcategorized into 10 different sections. Theology helps us learn how to accept God and allow ourselves to believe in Him, and all His powers. According to *Thinking Like A Christian*, "Christian theology asserts that God is the source of all things and that He created the cosmos out of His own mind, according to His plan." Basically, we as Christians should live knowing

that God is the answer and that He has a plan for all of us. Living a Christian philosophy means believing that Jesus Christ is the Logos, the explanation of everything. In *Thinking Like a Christian*, “Christian philosophy embraces the meaningful, purposeful life, a life in which each of us shapes his or her beliefs according to a coherent, reasonable, truthful worldview.” Essentially, I learned that I will live this philosophy mindset to live a fulfilled life. Biology in Christian’s viewpoint is that God is the Designer and He created His Universe. I read, “The belief that God created all things, including man in His own image, requires faith. But evolutionary theory requires more faith, since evolution runs contrary to reason, science and history.” As a young Christian I have learned that my viewpoint of biology can and will be challenged heavily, but it is up to the strength of my own faith to keep my beliefs as God would like them to be. I have learned how to study my true self through Christian psychology. In the text, “As Kilpatrick says, ‘Our choice . . . is really the same choice offered to Adam and Eve: either we trust God or we take the serpent’s word that we can make ourselves into gods.’” I know now that I must learn my true self, and see my sins as my reason for God to save me. Having proper ethics or morals, especially in today’s world, makes a big impact on a person’s life. D. James Kennedy says, “When a person makes up his own ethical code, he always makes up an ethical system which he thinks he has kept. In the law of God, we find a law which smashes our self-righteousness, eliminates all trust in our own goodness, and convinces us that we are sinners. The law of God leaves us with our hands over our mouths and our faces in the dust. We are humbled before God and convinced that we are guilty transgressors of his law.” I interpreted Kennedy’s quote and understand that my ethical laws I follow are God’s ethical laws. Christian sociology teaches people how to know that no matter what, everyone is important and a part of a bigger puzzle that God is creating. “Christian sociology focuses both on society as a means for human cooperation with God’s will, and on the individual as a vital part of the social institutions within society.” I have learned that as I follow God’s will that I can play a vital role in His Design. God’s law is eternal because God Himself is eternal. The author writes, “God further expects legal systems to hold people responsible for their actions and restore God’s order whenever and wherever possible.” Following the Christian law will help me to hold myself to a higher standard and become a better person in God’s eyes. Politics for Christians are not as hard as some people may think. God established an institution, known as the government, to hold necessary actions to hold people morally responsible. The government God has called for is limited so that there is never anarchy and also never a total control of power. To follow God’s politics, one must simply follow that state, otherwise known as the government institution that God has established. Economically, we as Christians believe the best system will protect our human rights while also assuring a checks and balance system. I learned that this system can best allow me and everyone else to have the pride of being one of God’s creations. In the book, “The Bible not only grants mankind the right to private

property but also calls for people to be good stewards of their property..." Economics allows Christians to express their freedom and take pride in their property just like God takes great dignity in creating us. History and Christianity have been connected forever. The Bible is the history book for Christians. Every chapter, every verse, holds a historical event from the Christian timeline. Jesus Christ is the living Word and helped spread the word of God throughout his time on earth. All in all every aspect of life has its own tie with Christianity and learning to live and think like a Christian is truly a gift from God.

On the other hand, some people will have their own separate worldviews that they make for themselves. As the world evolved with more and more political opinions and viewpoints, Christianity and the church started to put up its walls and protect itself from the harsh ideologies that were created. To think and live like a Christian means more than just going to church. We as a community have to go out and spread the word of the Lord, and fight back peacefully against these false worldviews. It is our job as God's creation to help others see that God is, God created, God loves, and God designed.

In conclusion, I personally think that my Christian knowledge has grown to newer and higher levels of thinking. There are some aspects of life that I would have never thought could have been as connected as they truly are with God. After reading this book, I know I can help spread the word of our God easier because of all of the newfound ideology and connections to life.