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Thinking Like A Christian

A New Worldview

A worldview, by definition, a particular philosophy of life or conception of the world. Every person on Earth has their own worldview, and for the most part it is constantly changing. After completing my study of “Thinking Like a Christian”, I can definitely say my worldview has shifted for the better. This study covered the ten disciplines; theology, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history. These ten disciplines show how every part of life is deeply related to the Bible.

After being introduced to the meaning of worldview in week one, and learning what it means to have a worldview rooted in Christianity, week two focused on theology. Theology is the study of nature, existence, and attributes of God. During this week, I learned about how God can reveal himself in many different ways. He uses what is known as General Revelation to communicate to all of his children all of the time. The physical universe is the main form of general revelation. God can also reveal himself through what is called Special Revelation. This involves God’s particular communications and manifestations. Nowadays, these are only able to be found in scripture. Moving on to the third week of the study, we focused on philosophy. During this week, I was shown just how important it is to follow the path that God has planned for us. If someone were to stray from their intended path, it is likely they will be face to face with evil. However, my main takeaway from this week was that being a follower of God means being able to prove his existence and knowing he is real. After studying the philosophical worldview, I

am able to prove the existence of God through the Bible. After these three weeks, I was already noticing the change in how I was viewing the world around me. This change is definitely for the better.

The next three weeks of this study was focused on the ethical, psychological, and biological disciplines. Throughout the fourth week, the study zoned in on biology. This week mainly looked at evolution and how it is incorrect. The main point behind this is that if we have been created that must mean we have a creator. Many scientists believe God is our creator, meaning that 'science' is not a credible way to disprove His existence. After spending week five studying the psychological world-view, it is proven that self-worth must be found through Christ or else it will be easily crumbled. God has made us special in His image and that alone makes us worth more than we could imagine. However, people will do whatever it takes to be accepted into the society around them. My takeaway from this was that even if following Jesus is not what is "socially accepted", it is what must be done in order to lead a life dedicated to God and to be saved from an eternity of misery. During the five days spent studying the ethic discipline, I learned about the many ways man will distort the scripture to fit what they think is best. So many 'Christians' will claim to be grounded in the scripture yet have been twisting the sacred words to fit their own views. This particular week also asked us, as Christians, if we should spend time helping others even if they are non-believers. My answer to this is of course we should. As Christians, it is our duty to lead our brothers and sisters down the right path. It is our job to try our best to save as many people as possible from eternal hell.

During my final weeks of the study, we dove into the sociology, law, political, economical, and historical disciplines. Week seven taught me that as humans, we were made to be social creatures. God showed this to us by creating more than one of every creature. This is

also proved through the scripture by giving us the responsibility of creating a family and having relationships with the people around us. This specific week also put an emphasis on societal problems in our world and showing us just how prominent evil is in our society. Nowadays, the world is not driven by morals, it is driven by man's wants and needs. This coincides with the following week which focused on law. These five days were mainly dedicated to the idea that law should not be founded on man's thought, yet on the scripture. As Christians, we want to go down a path of righteousness, in order to do so, we must follow the rules that God Himself had made for us, not what society believes is right. This leads us to the political discipline. After reading this week's study, it was obvious that the government had one role. This role being that they were supposed to enforce God's law. Originally, our founding fathers saw to it that America was based on Christianity. They formed the government around it. However, recently, the government has been quite the opposite. The government now looks down on Christianity and does not see it as solid reasoning. They are straying from the path Jesus had intended for them, meaning that nothing good is to come of it. Throughout this next week we studied economics. The main takeaway from this week was that God intended everyone to work, and we should be thankful we were even given the opportunity. Anyone who refuses to work even though they are fully capable of doing so should be looked upon as shameful. We as people would value everything around us much more if we worked hard for it. It would teach responsibility and appreciation to those who need it. The final week was the most important in my opinion. This week taught us about the historical discipline. This zoned in on proving our faith is real based on historical events, such as the resurrection. The Bible is a historical text based on eye-witness accounts and first hand experiences. It is also proven that The Bible was not altered or distorted as it has been passed down, meaning there was no change to its content. I feel as though this is

the most concrete part of proving God's existence because there is no arguing this fact. This is solid proof that these people witnessed Jesus and all of these miracles first-hand. These last few weeks of this study really opened my eyes and altered my world view for the better, leaving me feeling reborn into my faith.

These past twelve weeks have really changed my life. I feel as though I have a whole new understanding of not just my religion, but of the world around me. These ten disciplines have honestly shown over and over again that every aspect of life is rooted in The Bible. I am beyond thankful to have had this opportunity to learn and dig deeper into my religion. I feel at peace knowing that I have a deeper understanding and that I am able to prove to others the existence of our God.

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