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*Thinking Like a Christian*

After reading *Thinking Like a Christian*, I feel like I have grown in my faith. It helped me to realize that the Christian faith and worldview should apply to every aspect of our lives. This includes: science, psychology, ethics, law/politics, economics, and countless other areas.

Starting with science, today's world tries to make Christians feel illogical for believing in God. They would rather us believe the universe came about through a series of highly improbable, virtually impossible chances. I never truly doubted God's existence but this book did leave me feeling more confident in my faith. The book also completely dismantles the evolutionary theory, that reassured me that there is a spot for Christians in the realm of science. As a matter of fact, Christians have an advantage. It is much easier to understand the science of things when you have a relationship with the One who created it all.

Another area that opened my eyes was psychology. It seems people in my generation deal with more mental and emotional problems than those before. Secular psychologists are quick to label these problems as "mental illnesses". *Thinking Like a Christian* explains that it cannot really be an illness if the brain has not been infected with any sort of disease. A christian psychologist recognizes these problems as spiritual. They get to the root of the problem. Secular psychologists may prescribe medicine or other things that merely try to treat the symptoms. However, treating the symptoms does not fix the problem. A Christian psychologist knows one must grow closer to God to truly fix the spiritual brokenness. This topic really touched me because I see so many people take pills to be happy, but they do not realize what they really need is the love of God.

While it seems ethics is an obvious part of being a Christian, to the world it is not so simple. The book helped me realize just how important Christian ethics are. The ethics of the world are constantly changing. There are things now that society deems acceptable and morally right, that only 100 years ago were considered wrong, and vice versa. When it comes to Christian ethics, right and wrong are consistent because they come from the God whom never changes. I also learned morals created from man are powerless due to their constant change. For example, if the world decides it is wrong to steal, but the next day they decide it is ok, nobody will respect these standards because if they are simply going to change, why would they not just do whatever they want? We are merely humans, whereas Christian morals were created by the Creator of all things.

I plan to go into law and politics some day. Thanks to this book I shall have the correct perspective going in. When I first saw the section on law and politics I was surprised. I had never realized the Bible addressed so much about it. As mentioned earlier, God created a moral standard for all mankind and our country's laws should reflect that. Our founding fathers had many of the same ideas when creating the government we have today. They recognized the unalienable rights given to us by God and understood those must be protected. Today we see the protection of the unborn lives is nonexistent. The whole point of government is to protect the lives of the people from the harmful and sinful actions of others. With abortion being legal across the country, our government is failing at its primary task. Without the Christian worldview the government is bound to fail, so it is important that Christians stay involved.

The most astonishing topic to read in the book was economics. Today we see beliefs of socialism and marxism being indoctrinated into the young minds at universities. I never agreed

with those ideas but this book made me realize these ideas are also morally opposed to the Christian worldview. One of the ten commandments is in short, do not steal. In order to steal something, someone else has to own it. Communism and socialism both eliminate private property. One may wonder why God would be concerned over the right to own property, but it is well known that people take better care of something they own rather than it be owned by someone else or the state or even nobody at all. Communism and socialism also ignore the basic fact that man is flawed. We Christians know we are inclined to sin and will never be perfect while marxists see society as flawed rather than man. They think if they create the perfect society, man will be perfect. This approach is completely unbiblical.

Lastly, I would like to discuss sociology. Humans are social beings. We need communication with one another and God. Presently the Christian worldview is severely lacking in sociology. We are witnessing a deterioration of the two most important foundations of society. The first is the family. Many of today's families are not including God which is leading to high rates of divorce. Christians know marriage is sacred, and a weak marriage creates a weak family. The other part of society that is lacking is the church. The church seems to be losing influence in our communities everyday. The mindset of this day and age is to let everyone believe what they want. We Christians have become too weak to speak out against the evils of the world and have stopped trying to lead others to salvation due to the fear of offending someone. I myself have been guilty of this at times. However, the church should be united and determined to spread the love of God, and be as the Bible says, "A city on a hill".

*Thinking Like a Christian*, has truly done wonders for me. I thoroughly enjoyed reading and studying it. It will help me grow closer to God and pursue Him more enthusiastically. Going forward I plan to apply my faith to every aspect of my life just as God intends. The author left

me feeling like I previously had a somewhat narrow mind of Christianity, but now I look to the future with hope and excitement for how God will use me.