

Christlike Thinking in This World

Developing a Christian Worldview

Adult Training Seminar Session 1 – Kevin Schoonhoven 9-1-19

1A. The Purpose of a Christian Worldview - Why You Should Want Christ to Guide You in Everything

- Lordship is Total – Luke 9:23, 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Purpose of Your Life - 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Corinthians 5:9,14-17 Colossians 3:17
- Two Greatest Commandments – Mark 12:28-31
- Equip You for Effective Ministry – Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 6:4
- Eternal Reward – 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Effectiveness in Evangelism – 1 Peter 3:13-17, 2 Timothy 3:12

(Theology Proper, Christology, Soteriology & Eschatology)

A Worldview is . . .

. . . a collection of presuppositions, convictions and values from which a person tries to understand and make sense out of the world and life. . . an explanation and interpretation of the world and an application of this view to life (Think Biblically, MacArthur, p 13)
. . . the structure of understanding that we use to make sense of our world . . . our way of looking at life, our interpretation of the universe, the orientation of our soul (Worldview Book, Ryken, p 7)
. . . how you interpret life and make decisions
. . . view of the world for living in this world
. . . set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of reality that ground and influence ALL one's perceiving, thinking, knowing and doing
. . . like a pair of colored eye glasses that affects everything you see and how you see it
. . . fundamental truths about God & His relationship to the world AND about human beings

. . . submission of your mind to Christ evidenced by your willingness and commitment to follow Him and His teaching in all areas of life – Discipleship!

2A. The Presuppositions to Developing a Christian Worldview – Biblical & Theological Foundations

- Your depravity is comprehensive thus you need a new mind. (Anthropology & Hamartiology)
 - A HEART Problem that includes all our Thinking, Desires, Choices & Conscience – Genesis 6:5-6, 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Romans 8:5-8
 - Cannot trust myself or what comes “naturally,” TEACHABLE & Hungry Proverbs 3:5-7
 - Yet remnant of still being Created in Image of God—Math, Science, Human Ingenuity
- God's Word is Sufficient – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Bibliology)
- The Holy Spirit's Mission – Galatians 3:3 (Pneumatology)
 - His Person – Titles (Guide, Comforter, Counselor, Helper)
 - His Effectiveness – regeneration, fruit, illumination, our dependence, His filling
- The Spiritual Battle is Raging
 - Satan & Demonic attack – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 11:1-3, Ephesians 6:10-12
 - Worldly pull and influence – 1 John 2:15-17, James 4:4, Romans 12:2, Galatians 1:4
- Sanctification is Progressive
 - Put off AND put on – Ephesians 4:17-24
 - Maturing in Discernment – Ephesians 4:14
 - Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines – 1 Timothy 4:7-8
 - Spirit-Filled Living – Ephesians 5:18-21
 - Goal of Christ's Instruction – 1 Timothy 1:5, 1 Corinthians 13:2
 - Iron sharpens iron not ONLY your own independent Bible Study (Ecclesiology)

- Liberties Class Sessions Applied
 - Purpose of Your Life
 - Clarity on Justification & Freedoms in and through Christ
 - Legalism vs Licentiousness Continuum
 - Questions to ask in Developing Convictions

Keep fortifying & strengthening your overall Biblical & Theological Foundations

3A. The Process of Developing a Christian Worldview – How to Cultivate Christlike Thinking in This World

- 1) Humble Your Heart – Acts 17:11-12, Ezra 7:10

- 2) Read the Entire New Testament Gathering the texts addressing or related to the issue – Matthew 7:24-27, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:1-3 (cf. Proverbs 2:1-5)
 - Is there a clear command which mandates or prohibits certain aspects of this area of life?
 - Personal Devotions & General Bible Reading
 - Word Studies – Concordance Synonyms.
 - Cross References
 - Examples whether exact or parallel
 - Takes Effort & Time – Diligence (2 Timothy 2:15)

- 3) Identify Areas of Biblical & Theological Foundations that Apply (2A Above)

- 4) Seek the Help of God Given and God Gifted Teachers Empowered by The Spirit
 - Those who are alive and you know
 - Those from present and past generations through books & sermons
 - Your personal shepherds in local church
 - Be in Discipleship Relationships

- 5) Write down your reasons and have discussions with others
 - Wise, mature believers
 - Fellowship in the family of God (Ecclesiology)

- 6) Get true facts vs propaganda—Consider the source & the content (Titus 1:15)
 - The place for input from unbelievers
 - Experience & Emotions vs Objective Truth
 - Consider your Cultural Context But it's not Final
 - Consider Age Appropriateness

- 7) Hold to your convictions without wavering yet with humility

- 8) Pray throughout the process and prayer as a lifestyle

- 9) Apply what you learn to your life (choices & conversations)

Warm Heart no Excuse for a Soft Head AND Developed Mind no excuse for Shallow Affections