

Living Godly Lives

Part 1 – The Biblical Worldview

This is important because...

- It is God's plan for the Christian – Rom. 6:5-7, 11-14
- God demands it of the Christian – 1 Pet. 1:14-16
- Many struggle to live up to God's standards and live in slavery to sin

Our Worldview and Godliness

- Defined: A set of presuppositions, principals, and values that are used to understand the world and respond to it.
- A biblical worldview is required for us to correctly:
 - Know who we are and our purpose in this life
 - Interpret life's events
 - Deal with our emotions
 - Respond to the world around us

Two Worldviews

Naturalistic Versus Biblical

Naturalistic

- Formed from what is earthly, natural, from within man, by human reason/thought
- General characteristics:
 - Fastest growing worldview due to the freedom it supposedly provides
 - Fluid, ever-changing, controlled by individual desires and agendas
 - Includes every view not from God
- Answers life's questions concerning our origin and purpose, life and its problems, and what governs our actions from an earthly, human-centric standpoint.

Biblical

- Not formed in man, but received from God
- General characteristics:
 - Provides a stable, unified approach to life and its problems
 - Based on a singular view of life's morals, values, and purpose
 - Helps us rise above ourselves, our desires, and our faults
- Provides proven and trustworthy answers to life's questions.

Foundational Principles of the Biblical Worldview

- There is but one true God and Creator – Gen. 1:1
- People are made in the image of God – Gen. 1:27; Jn. 4:24; Rom. 8:6-8
- This world is broken by sin and is temporary – Gen. 3:14-19; 2 Pet. 3:9-11
- God has revealed the complete, absolute truth – Jn. 16:12-15; 8:31-32
- Christ the Redeemer has come into this world – 1 Tim. 1:15

The Biblical Worldview

- Centered on Jesus – Col. 1:16-17
- Acknowledges God's greatness, power, and rule over all things – 1 Chron. 29:10-13
- Recognizes that fearing God and doing His will are life's most important goals – Eccl. 12:13-14; Jer. 9:23-24