

STAYING MISSION TRUE

Colossians 1:28-29

What you see will

Where you live will

determine what you see

determine how you live

What is a worldview?

A worldview is one's collection of presuppositions, convictions, and values from which a person tries to understand and make sense out of the world and life.

What then is a Christian worldview?

At the heart of the Christian worldview,

We recognise that **God is the unique source of all truth.**

God's Truth is **revealed solely in His Scriptures.**

We evaluate our life from God's perspective.

We order our life according to God's will.

God in the equation of our life.

A Biblical worldview is about putting

Biblical Worldview includes...

A. Your Theology of the **WORLD**

B. Your Theology of **WORK**

C. Your Theology of **WEALTH**

D. Your Theology of **WELFARE**

E. Your Theology of **WHAT'S TO COME**

A. Your Theology of the WORLD (Community)

To be <u>IN</u> the world but not <u>OF</u> the world!

¹⁵ **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 JOHN 2:15-16

Loving the world leads to

Lust of the Eyes: **Covetousness**

Lust of the Flesh: Sensuality

Pride of Life: Acquisitions & Accomplishments

We can take pride in...

Our **Acquisitions** (What we have)

Our **Associations** (Who we know)

Our **Appearance** (How we look)

Our **Abilities** (What we can do)

Our **Accomplishments** (What we have done)

friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a **friend of the**

world makes himself an enemy of God.

JAMES 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that

1 JOHN 2:17

And the world is passing away along with

its desires, but whoever does the will of

God abides forever.

B. Your Theology of WORK (Calling)

Don't confuse your <u>NAME</u> card with your <u>CALLING</u> card!

but the <u>focus</u> of our labour.

Work is not about the <u>fruits</u> of our labour,

OUR FOCUS MUST BE THE UNSEEN ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on

what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary,

but what is **unseen is eternal**.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33

Even Spiritual Work will become Secular if our focus is TEMPORAL

Even Secular Work will become

Spiritual if our focus is ETERNAL

Your work is meaningless if your

Calling is meaningless when it is

<u>divorced</u> from the caller

work is <u>divorced</u> from your witness

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

C. Your Theology of WEALTH (Consumption)

LIFE is neither a PARTY nor a CURSE; it is a <u>STEWARDSHIP!</u>

Two Extreme Views on Wealth

Poverty Theology
Being poor is holy and virtuous.

Prosperity Theology
Being rich is blessed and favoured.

Biblical Worldview of Wealth

Providential Theology
We have a God who provides and sustains

Stewardship Theology

God is the owner and I am entrusted with a stewardship

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO GOD & HIS KINGDOM WORK

PROVERBS 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth

and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them **not** to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and be ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good Pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

LUKE 12:32-34

D. Your Theology of WELFARE (Compassion)

A CLENCHED hand is a sign of a CLOSED heart!

Open your heart to the NEEDS of those around you!

land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the

needy and to the poor, in your land.'

For there will **never cease to be poor** in the

DEUTERONOMY 15:11

JAMES 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before

God the Father is this: to visit orphans and

widows in their affliction, and to keep

oneself unstained from the world.

commitment yet often it is commitment that precedes compassion!

While compassion supersedes

E. Your Theology of WHAT'S TO COME (Consummation)

Don't be ALARMED, stay AWAKE and be ALERT!

The Apocalyptic Chapters

Mark 13

Luke 21

Matthew 24 & 25

See, I have told you **beforehand**.

MATTHEW 24:25

4:42

MATTHEW 24:42

Therefore, **stay awake**, for you do not know

on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 25: Three Parables

Parable of the Ten Virgins **Be Alert**

Parable of the Talents **Be Accountable**

Parable of the Sheep & Goats **Be Active**

EMBRACE A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1. THEOLOGY OF WORLD

In the world, but not of this world.

2. THEOLOGY OF WORK

I should work honourably, but not be consumed by my work, my ultimate work is to do the will of my Father.

3. THEOLOGY OF WEALTH

God is the rightful owner and I'm only a steward.

4. THEOLOGY OF WELFARE

I must leverage my resources and care for the poor.

5. THEOLOGY OF WHAT'S TO COME

This world is passing away, Jesus is coming back in glory. Until He comes I must be on alert and fulfil His mission.

CONCLUSION 1 BIBLICAL REFLECTION & 3 APPLICATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

APPLICATIONAL PRINCIPLES

BE MISSION CLEAR

Col. 1:28 – "Him we proclaim..."

GET MISSION READY

Col. 1:28 – "teaching everyone with all wisdom..."

STAY MISSION TRUE

Col. 1:29 – "For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."