

Belief Matters Part 2
From the World to the Word Series
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Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

[1] So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

[2] Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.

Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. **Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity,** God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)

[33] For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

What is a Worldview?

A particular philosophy of life or conception of the world. A set of beliefs, mindset or outlook on life, ideology that will influence your perception, thinking, knowing and doing.

THREE MOST POPULAR UNBIBLICAL WORLD-VIEWS (unbiblical isms)

1. **Materialism** - Is a worldview that what matters in life is money.

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

[15] Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Biblical worldview - Life is not about acquisition.

2. **Hedonism** - is a worldview that what matters in life is pleasure.

Feel good philosophy.

The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick.

Jer. 19: 9 ESV

Proverbs 21:17 (MSG)

[17] You're addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.

3. Individualism or Narcissism - "Me first" worldview.

Matthew 16:25 (NLT)

[25] If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.

Proverbs 18: 1 CEV

"It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself ..."

Philippians 2:4 ESV

"4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

[24] ... " If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself ...

4. _____ - "Whatever works for you" worldview.

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

[12] There is a way that seems right to a man,
but in the end, it leads to death.

5. _____ - "I am god" worldview.

Romans 1:25 (NIV)

[25] They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Exodus 20:3-4 (NIV)

[3] "You shall have no other gods before me.

[4] "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

6. _____ - a world view that "there is no God."

"If you remove the question of God, the purpose of question of life is irrelevant "

Bertrand Russell.

Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

[16] For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

Rom. 1: 20 - 22 CEV

“... But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse. **21** They know about God, but they don't honor him or even thank him. Their thoughts are useless, and their stupid minds are in the dark. **22** They claim to be wise, but they are fools

Therefore: STRENGTHEN YOUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Care Group Questionnaires

1. What's the most commonly adopted mindset do you think in the enumerated world views in the message?
2. What's the closest of the worldview that is related to what's happening today?
(Note: Covid scare has deprived us of activities that cater to our self-gratifying way of life)
3. How can you relate to the topics presented?
4. Have you met anyone having those world views? How can you help them?

Closing:

Pray for one another and the current issues

Remind about prayer and fasting - Prepare and submit a list to pastor of members who volunteers which day of the week they can fast from Aug. 2 to Aug. 23. (We will pray for those people as well)

A Guideline on Fasting will be distributed to you this week