

**Belief Matters Part 3**  
From the World to the Word Series  
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Romans 12: 2 (MSG)

“...[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.”

**THE MOST POPULAR UNBIBLICAL WORLD-VIEWS ( unbiblical isms )**

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

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

3. **Individualism or Narcissism** - “ Me first “ worldview

4. **Pragmatism** - “Whatever works for you “ worldview

5. **Humanism** - “ I am god “ worldview

6. **Atheism** - a world view that “there is no God.”

7. **Socialism** - “ The government knows best “ worldview

**A. Atheistic and materialistic worldview.**

**B. Suffering is caused by unequal distribution of wealth.**

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)

[10] ... “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.”

1 Timothy 5:8 (NET)

[8] But if someone does not provide for his own, especially his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:9-10 (NIV)

[9] No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, [10] and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

### **C. Government has rights to take properties and give to another.**

Exodus 20:15 (NIV)

[15] "You shall not steal.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NET)

[17] Command those who are rich in this world's goods not to be haughty or to set their hope on riches, which are uncertain, but on God who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. [18] Tell them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous givers, sharing with others. [19] In this way they will save up a treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the future and so lay hold of what is truly life.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NET)

[7] Each one of you should give<sup>16</sup> just as he has decided in his heart,<sup>17</sup> not reluctantly<sup>18</sup> or under compulsion,<sup>19</sup> because God loves a cheerful giver.

### **D. Socialism demonizes the rich.**

Philippians 4:11 (NET)

[11] I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in any circumstance.

Exodus 20:17 (NET)

[17] "You shall not covet your neighbor's house...

### **E. Socialism seeks to replace family unit.**

### **F. Government doesn't have limitations.**

Matthew 22:21 (NIV)

[21] ..."Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Psalms 24:1 (KJV)

1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof;

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

[20] ...But our citizenship is in heaven...

Socialism greatly contradicts the Bible.

Man's greatest problem is spiritual

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Solution : Salvation in Christ**

**8. Relativism**

**Relativism is truth is according to the one who perceives it. A worldview that there's no absolute right and wrong**

A large share of the nation's problems are directly attributed to the absence of a biblical worldview among Americans. A survey of 2033 adults only 4% has a biblical worldview.  
Barna Institute

**Conclusion :**

1. Build your life on biblical eternal views that don't change.
2. Be ready to speak up and give logical defense of your faith.

1 Peter 3:13-17 (ESV)

**13**Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? **14**But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, **15**but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,** **16**having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. **17**For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

-----Below for Care Group Only-----

**Care Group Questionnaires**

1. Why is socialism unbiblical?
2. What is the Biblical worldview?
3. What countries in history adopted socialism?  
What's the present outcome of such governance and its people in terms of economy, religious freedom and free speech?
4. How would you prepare and approach people with this worldview?

Closing :

Pray for one another to be ready and relevant to the times.

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 )