

Why Worldview Matters

Why Does My Worldview Matter?

2nd Timothy 3:16-17

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Introduction:

- Greek – **Apologia** ... English – **Apologetics** ... “*A Formal defense of an opinion, position or action.*”
- **1st Peter 3:15**
- A Christian without a Biblical worldview can do a lot of damage.
- **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**
- You must be honest with yourself – Do you believe:
 - That God exists?
 - That Jesus is God?
 - Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God without error or fallacy?
- Let’s define some words:
 - **Worldview** – The way by which I see and interpret all things around me
 - **Belief** – Confidence in the truth or existence of something
 - **Conviction** – A fixed or firm belief
- **William Wilberforce** ... “*Christianity has been successfully attacked and marginalized because those who profess belief were unable to defend the faith from attack, even though its attackers’ arguments were deeply flawed.*”
- *God’s Not Dead* – March of 2014 movie
- **Proverbs 22:6**
- Christians will always be challenged in four major areas:
 - Academically
 - Socially
 - Emotionally
 - Spiritually
- Are we preparing our children for battle?
- **2nd Corinthians 10:3-5**
- Why would a person abandon such an important mission? – Their beliefs were not convictions.
- We must take our walk serious, so that we move past belief and move on to conviction.
 - Belief ... Is to know that God is real ... *BUT* ... never really doing anything with that information. You don’t live by it; you don’t share it.
 - Belief ... Is wearing a cross around your neck to the bar knowing **John 3:16** ... *BUT* ... Not knowing how it really applies your life.
 - Conviction ... Now that is a person who is passionate about what Jesus Christ has done for them.
 - Conviction ... Keeps you in the fight when you are tired.
 - Conviction ... Keeps you in the race when you feel like you cannot.

- Conviction ... Moves you forward in battle when you are tired and worn.
 - Conviction ... Prods me to call upon Jesus when I need help.
 - Why is conviction so important?
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1. We Will Be Hated:

- a. **John 15:18-19**
- b. I am not in any way at all saying that it is fun to be attacked: *Academically ... socially ... emotionally ... and spiritually ...* BUT what I am saying is that we need to be prepared in all four areas to withstand those attacks.
- c. **John 16:32-33**

2. We Will Be Persecuted:

- a. **Matthew 5:10-12**
- b. **Hebrews 12:1-4**

3. We Will Be Saved:

- a. **Romans 8:1**
- b. What kind of questions will we be looking at?
 1. How do we know God exists?
 2. Is Jesus God?
 3. How do we know the Bible is God's Word?
 4. How could a loving God? – (several questions in this section)
- c. The way you answer these questions proclaims your worldview.
- d. Five questions that must be answered to build worldview:
 1. Who is God?
 2. Who am I? – **Psalm 139:13 ... Matthew 10:30 ... Romans 5:6-8 ... Romans 8:37-39**
 3. What is the purpose of mankind?
 4. What happens when I die? – **Revelation 21:3-4** – Heaven with the Lord
 1. Death is only the beginning.
 2. Only one other eternal option. – **2nd Thessalonians 1:9 ... Matthew 13:50 ... Mark 9:43 ... Matthew 25:41 ... Luke 16:28**
 1. What we want to hear in the end. - **Matthew 25:31**
 5. What is the purpose of history?