

Understanding Culture and Politics from a Biblical Worldview

I. What is a worldview?

A. Worldview is the through which we

- ⇒ A **self-centered** worldview sees life from the perspective of how things affect **me**.
- ⇒ A **hedonistic** worldview lives for pleasure while avoiding consequences.
- ⇒ A **victim** worldview thinks that I am not responsible for myself.
- ⇒ A **humanistic** worldview places human understanding, values, and priorities as the highest.

B. Worldview answers questions:

Is there a God? Was I created? Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life?
What is my responsibility to God? Is there a destiny for my life? How should I respond to suffering?
How has God revealed himself to mankind?

C. Worldview determines...

⇒ ... what my and are.

⇒ ... how I with

⇒ ... the purpose for which we live -- for or for

D. Ultimately, our worldview is defined by how we in to
God.

⇒ Understanding proper worldview is critical because....

- We may think we have a worldview, but we
- A kingdom worldview says that I have been by the of Christ, and
so do not to myself, but to Him who me.

*Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.
Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

- I live both as a and of God -- to advance kingdom not

*1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,
that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

2 Cor 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

1 Cor 6:20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

II. What is a **biblical** worldview?

A. Someone with a biblical worldview sees the Bible as God's only of

⇒ All revelations, experiences, and values are to a biblical
Prov 30:5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

⇒ The Bible is the for

B. Someone with a biblical worldview weighs out all they and from a biblical perspective.

2 Pet 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

C. Those with a biblical worldview gain their from the Bible.

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

⇒ Those with a biblical worldview draw their definitions of and from the Bible.

D. The Problem: We enter God's family as new creatures, but we bring along a worldview, which must be transformed by of the

III. What does God say to the New Testament church about government?

2 Th 2:15; 3:6; 1 Cor 11:2; 15:2; Gal 1:8; 2 Tim 1:13; Titus 1:9

A. We are the governing authorities.

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. 4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. 6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

⇒ In a representative form of government, to submit means to in the

B. We are to to those who govern, whether or not we think it is

1 Pet 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

C. We are to for governments so they will

1 Tim 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

IV. What are the moral priorities that should shape our view of government?

As long as we have a voice in government, for the preservation of the culture, we should promote the values that are to the of

What is a common view held by the world?	What does the Bible say is God's view?
<p>Child Discipline</p> <p>Spanking of children is harmful, because it teaches them to commit violence against others. A ban on spanking would improve society.</p>	<p>Child Discipline</p> <p>Parents prove their love by their willingness to their own and a for occasions of rebellion.</p> <p><i>Prov 23:13 Do not withhold chastisement from a child; if you smite him with the rod, he will not die. 14 Smite him with the rod and save his soul</i></p> <p><i>Prov 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to chastise him.</i></p> <p><i>Heb 12:6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."</i></p> <p><i>Prov 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. (Also Prov 22:15; 29:15; 10:13)</i></p>
<p>Abortion</p> <p>A woman's right to choose what happens to her body is more important than her unborn child's right to live inside of it.</p>	<p>Abortion</p> <p>We must for the helpless, and the weak.</p> <p><i>Jer 1:5a "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."</i></p> <p><i>Ps 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.</i></p> <p><i>Prov 24:11 Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. 12 If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?</i></p> <p><i>Luke 17:2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.</i></p>

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Homelessness	Homelessness
<p>The homeless are those who live on the streets, because they are down on their luck. Compassion demands that we provide for them food and housing.</p>	<p>Help those who themselves, but those who are lazy.</p> <p><i>Luke 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." ... 21... 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'</i></p> <p><i>2 Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."</i></p>
Clean needles for drug addicts	Clean needles for drug addicts
<p>Just as sexually active teens should not have to risk pregnancy or STD's, drug users should not have to risk diseases from dirty needles.</p>	<p>People do not grow when they are always from living with the of their</p> <p><i>Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.</i></p> <p><i>Prov 22:8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.</i></p>
Gay Marriage	Gay Marriage
<p>To prohibit gay couples from marrying is bigoted and prejudicial against people who were genetically predisposed to their sexual identity.</p>	<p>Since God behavior only between a man and a woman who have entered a marriage covenant, all other relationships are</p>
	<p><i>Gen 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.</i></p>
	<p><i>1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.</i></p>