

# The Practical Consequences of Worldview

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## From Last Week

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Consider how this manifests itself in our society.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. (2) For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, (4) treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2. Memory Verse: Proverbs 14:12

## Introduction

“When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.” Roy E. Disney

Luke 6:45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

## EXAMPLES OF A NON-BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

### Premise of 13 reasons why

Teenager Clay Jensen returns home from school one day to find a mysterious box lying on his porch. Inside, he discovers seven double-sided cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker, his classmate and unrequited love, who tragically committed suicide two weeks earlier. On tape, Hannah unfolds an emotional audio diary, detailing the thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life. Her instructions are clear: each person who receives the package is one of the reasons why she killed herself. And after each person has completed listening to the tapes, they must pass the package on to the next person. If anyone decides to break the chain, a separate set of tapes will be released to the public. Each tape is addressed to a select person in her school and details their involvement in her eventual suicide.

### Britney Maynard – woman who moved to Oregon to commit suicide

“I’ve had the medication for weeks. I am not suicidal. If I were, I would have consumed that medication long ago. I do not want to die. But I am dying. And I want to die on my own terms”.

### Woman who videotaped her abortion – response from Pro-Life groups

“This is essentially an abortion promotional video by an abortion counselor who tries to trivialize the procedure,” Scanlan said. “Abortion ends the life of an unborn child, and we should never take it lightly. It is irresponsible to try to portray abortion in such a trivial manner.”

Video response from woman: “Like, no one can tell me how to feel about my abortion. I felt how I felt, and that was not influenced by anyone else except for how I grew up, how I you know went to college, how I live my day, how like I ate a salad for breakfast. How I, like – it’s me. Like, this is me,” she said, throwing her hands about and cocking her head from side to side.

## **Last verse in Judges**

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

## **EXAMPLES OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

Deu 12:8 "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes"

Abijam walked in the sins of his father, but...

1Ki 15:4-5 Nevertheless, for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him, and establishing Jerusalem, (5) because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1Ki 15:11-12 And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as David his father had done. (12) He put away the male cult prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

2Ki 18:3-6 And he (Hezekiah) did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. (4) He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). (5) He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. (6) For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses.

## **Obedience is the mark of a biblical worldview – i.e. our beliefs influence our actions**

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (24) Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

## **A Christian must examine himself in light of Scripture:**

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Php 2:3-4 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Eph 5:3-5 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. (4) Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. (5) For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Heb 10:23-27 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. (24) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (26) For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

### **Recall from our introduction**

Luke 6:45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

And then Jesus asks: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

### **Conclusion**

Your worldview is not reflected in what you say you believe. It is reflected in what you do.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **NEXT WEEK:**

#### **Read Genesis 1**

#### **Memory Verse for next week:**

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

## **Consider your answer to the following statements:**

- 1. I believe there is a God.**
- 2. I believe that God is perfect – without fault or error.**
- 3. I believe that God has revealed Himself in the Bible.**
- 4. I believe that the Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God.**
- 5. I believe that God's word is true and reflects truth.**
- 6. I believe that anything that contradicts God's Word is false.**
- 7. I believe that in the Bible, God has given His people instruction on how to live.**
- 8. I believe that my purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**
- 9. I believe that I demonstrate my love for God by keeping His commandments.**
- 10. I believe that I can only have one Master.**
- 11. I believe that God wants me to serve His people.**
- 12. I believe that God wants me to consider not only my own needs, but the needs of others.**
- 13. I believe there is nothing that this world can offer than compares to what I have in Christ.**
- 14. I believe that a Christian demonstrates love for Christ in how he loves Christ's church.**
- 15. I believe that a Christian demonstrates love for Christ in how he prays for and loves his enemies.**
- 16. I believe that God has called all Christians to take the Gospel to the world and to make disciples.**
- 17. I believe that the way I live my life reflects these beliefs.**
- 18. I believe I am a Christian.**