

RIGHT BELIEFS LEAD TO RIGHT CHOICES

Deuteronomy 30:15-16

- **God has big purposes and plans for us (Jeremiah 29:11), but His plans and purposes for us are impacted by our decisions (Deuteronomy 30:15-16).**
- **Many people miss out on God's plans because of their wrong choices, but when we make "right choices" we will experience God's best in our lives.**
- **To make "right choices" we have to have the "right beliefs" - because beliefs affect our values, thoughts, emotions, behaviors and results.**
- ***Who or what has great influence on our "beliefs" in today's world?***
- **The media has an incredible influence on the beliefs and ultimately the behaviors of people in our world.**
- **What we believe affects our attitudes, ambitions and actions.**
- ***What must people wholeheartedly believe to have a Biblical/Christian worldview that changes one's values, choices and behaviors in life?***

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL AND HE REALLY CARES ABOUT US

- *"From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see His invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuses whatsoever for not knowing God."* (Romans 1:20)
- **As Christians we must believe in the *Empathy of God*.**
    - The Lord - *'I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love!"* (Jeremiah 31:3)
    - *"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* (Romans 5:8)
- **As Christians we must believe in the *Power of God*.**
    - *"O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by Your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for You!"* (Jeremiah 32:17)

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

- *"To all who believed Him (Jesus) and accepted Him, He (the Heavenly Father) gave the right to become children of God."* (John 1:12)
- Jesus – *" "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."* (John 14:6)
- **Real Christians believe that Jesus is God's only Son who came to earth, lived a sinless life, died to pay the penalty for our sins, rose from the grave conquering death and the devil, reigns today in heaven with the Heavenly Father, plans to return soon to further establish His kingdom on earth, and deserves to be the Lord of every aspect of our lives (Philippians 2:6-11).**
- *"There is salvation in no one else (but Jesus)! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12)

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, GUIDE AND AUTHORITY FOR OUR LIVES

- *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped . . ."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Real Christians focus on *Learning the Teachings of the Bible*.**
    - **We learn the teachings of the Bible by hearing them, reading them, studying them, and meditating on them.**
    - The Lord - *"Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed in life."* (Joshua 1:8)
- **Real Christians focus on *Living out the Teachings of the Bible*.**
    - *"Don't just listen to God's Word; you must do what it says."* (James 1:22)
    - **When we live by God's Word we will experience the "abundant life" Jesus offers to His real followers (John 10:10).**

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN AND EMPOWERS CHRIST-FOLLOWERS

- **Real Christians are *Indwelled by God's Spirit*.**
    - *"If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."* (Romans 8:9)
    - *"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?"* (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- **Real Christians are *Helped by God's Spirit*.**
    - *"The Holy Spirit will teach you all things."* (John 14:26)

    - Jesus - *"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth."* (John 16:13)
- **Real Christians are *Changed by God's Spirit*.**
    - *"As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him (Jesus) and reflect His glory even more."* (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE <u>DIFFERENT</u> THAN THE WORLD

- *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."* (Romans 12:2)
- **Real Christians are committed to *Loving Differently than the World.***
    - Jesus – *"The most important commandment is this . . . 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"* (Mark 12:30)
- **Real Christians are committed to *Living Differently than the World*.**
    - *""Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

THE <u>CHURCH</u> IS CHRIST'S "BODY" AND PRIMARY VEHICLE FOR MINISTRY

- *"God has put all things under the authority of Christ . . . for the benefit of the church. And the church is His body; it is filled by Christ."* (Ephesians 1:22)
- **Real Christians will want to *Belong to a Church Family*.**
    - *"You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family."* (Ephesians 2:19)
- **Real Christians will want to *Be Involved in a Church Family.***
    - *"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."* (Romans 12:4-5)

Having A Christian Worldview Requires Believing That:

<u>EVERYONE</u> WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN EITHER HEAVEN OR HELL

- Jesus – *"The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way."* (Matthew 7:13)

- Jesus - *“Trust in God, and trust also in Me. There is more than enough room in My Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.”* (John 14:1-3)

- **It’s essential we have the above mentioned beliefs if we’re going to make good and godly decisions, and it’s essential that our children have the same beliefs if they are going to regularly make good and godly decisions.**
- *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”* (Deuteronomy 6:5-7 NIV)