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Which Lens Do You Use to View the World?

By Jeff Schreve

There's a war of worldviews raging in our nation and our world today ... and the worldview you hold will affect every part of your life.

A worldview is simply how you view the world. It's the intellectual and emotional lens through which you experience, interpret, and respond to the world. The Christian worldview is based on the Word of God.

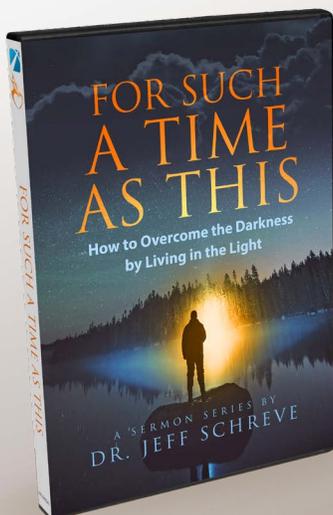
But not all Christians have a biblical worldview. In fact in a recent survey, George Barna discovered that only 25% of those who say they are theologically conservative have a biblical worldview.

When it comes to working out what your worldview is, you need to ask yourself: *Do I view life through the lens of Scripture or the lens of culture?*

Romans 12:2 says, "*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*" (NASB).

This passage tells us not to let the world squeeze us into its mold. That word *conform* means "to fashion alike, to conform to the same pattern in mind or character." The world—which lies in the power of the evil one—works to

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conform you to an anti-Christian culture.

The devil is in charge of this world. He is “*the prince of the power of the air*” (Ephesians 2:2). First John 2:16 says, “*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not of the Father, but is from the world.*”

The devil tries to squeeze you into the mold of the world, so you’ll adopt the values of the world. The values of the world are anti-Christian values because the devil hates God. He hates Christ and Christianity, and he works hard to “*make crooked the straight ways of the Lord*” (Acts 13:10).

But what are *you* going to believe?

The Word works to transform you into the image of Christ. It changes the way you think, act, live, and speak. The Spirit of God, who lives inside every believer, uses the Word to chip away those rough edges inside us and help us think like Jesus.

So, how do you renew your mind? By spending time in the Book! As you spend time in the Word of God, you’ll start viewing life through the lens of Scripture, not the lens of culture.

Ask yourself: *Am I being conformed to this world, or am I renewing my mind with the Word of God?*

May God help us read His Word and believe it as written. May we live it out and be salt and light in a dark and corrupt world ... because there’s never been a greater need for Christians to stand up for Jesus in our culture than right now!

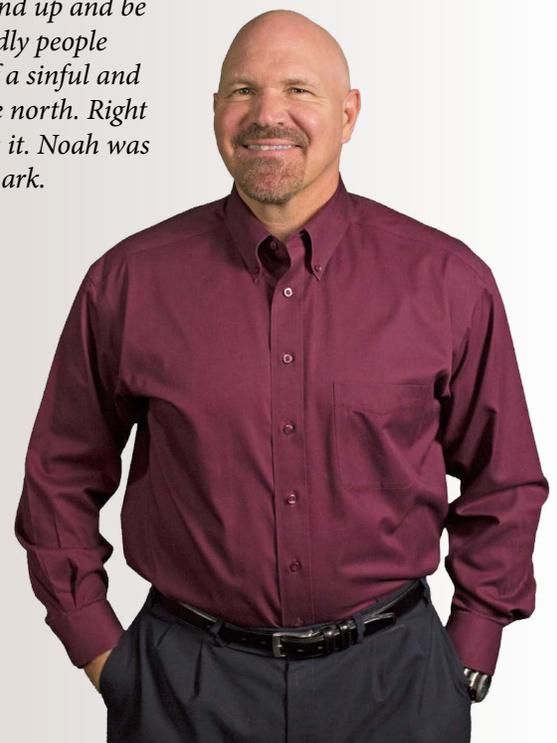
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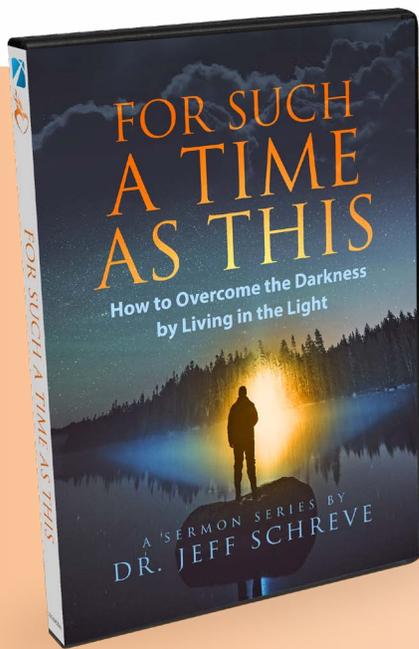
Q: What do you think my response should be to Christians who *don’t* hold a biblical worldview on current issues?

A: Those who don’t know Christ as their Savior and Lord will not have a Christian worldview. Sadly, many who say they do know Christ do not hold to a Christian worldview, but they let the rapidly decaying culture sway their thinking. Our job as Bible-believing Christians is to speak the truth in love. We need to lovingly stand up and be counted, regardless of the backlash that will invariably come. When good and godly people (pastors especially) do nothing and say nothing in response to the belief system of a sinful and adulterous generation, we make it very difficult for those on the fence to find true north. Right is right, even if no one believes it ... and wrong is wrong, even if everyone believes it. Noah was mocked and scorned as he preached coming judgment and salvation through the ark. The mocking ceased when it began to rain.

Q: There are many complex issues in society today. How can I know for sure what the biblical position is on these matters?

A: That’s a great question. I have grown in my knowledge of complicated issues from reading and listening to learned men such as Al Mohler, Ravi Zacharias, William Lane Craig, and John Lennox. Numerous YouTube videos are available in which these men powerfully defend the faith, the veracity of Scripture, and the historical fact of the empty tomb in the midst of secular and sometimes hostile crowds. Al Mohler’s The Briefing is a very informative daily podcast in which he masterfully discusses news and events of the day from a Christian worldview. In addition, the website Answers in Genesis is an excellent resource to help people deepen their understanding of life, creation, sin, and redemption as they view issues from God’s perspective and divine plan.





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Dear Friend,

The apostle Paul told Timothy, “*But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come*” (2 Timothy 3:1). Difficult times will come ... and difficult times are here. I firmly believe we are living in the last of the last days. As James said, “*The coming of the Lord is near*” (James 5:8).

God has placed you on this earth, at this particular time in history, to be salt and light to our lost and dying world. That’s why I hope you’ll request a copy of my new 9-message series, *For Such a Time as This: How to Overcome the Darkness by Living in the Light*.

These messages will inspire you to defend your Christian faith, shine brightly for the King, and boldly share the truths of Scripture. So please request your copy of *For Such a Time as This* when you give \$40 or more. Thank you for your generous support!

Pastor Jeff



FROM DEBBIE’S HEART:

Your year to Shine and Share!

By Debbie Schreve

Each year, Jeff creates an overarching theme for our church. It is designed to inspire and guide us all year long. Several years ago, the theme was “Shine and Share.” Shine for Christ—Share Your Story. Almost every Sunday, he challenged us to make sure we were doing those two things.

We ALL have a role to play in sharing the Gospel. If we profess to be a follower of Christ, people are WATCHING us closely. They watch to see if our words, actions, and choices line up with being a Christian, or if we are professing one thing and acting/living contrary to that. They pay attention to how we “shine.” And if we have unbelievers in our families ... they REALLY watch us!

Jeff has a poem he loves and uses often in his sermons. Part of it says this: “I’d rather SEE a sermon than hear one any day ... I’d rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.” So it’s important that we SHINE.

But ... we are also to SHARE ... to tell our own story. For some, this seems to be so easy. Have you ever known

someone who witnesses to people everywhere they go? Sharing Christ with others is always on their mind ... and they continually find a way to share Christ in a conversation.

I wish I could tell you I’m that kind of person. But I, like many of you, struggle with witnessing to family members, non-Christian friends, and people I run into in my day-to-day life. So I have determined this year to ASK God to help me in this area and use me to impact others for Christ. To help me SHARE my story with those who cross my path. I’ve prayed He will give me opportunities to pray for people when they’re sick or facing a problem. I’ve asked the Holy Spirit to give me a nudge when He desires me to witness to someone and share with them the source of strength and hope that I have in Jesus. I’ve asked for courage and BOLDNESS, and for God to empower me to live faithfully for Him.

Will you join me in making this your prayer for 2018? Just imagine what God can do through all of us, as we take this step of faith and truly Shine and Share for Him.



A NOTE TO YOU FROM JEFF

Dear Friend,

Paul told Timothy, *“Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus”* (2 Timothy 2:3). You and I are soldiers in a battle ... and it’s a battle for people’s minds.

In a recent survey, George Barna discovered that only 10% of all Americans have a biblical worldview, and only 4% of Americans ages 18 to 30 have a biblical worldview. That means 96% of young adults in our country don’t believe the Bible or practice it!

I’d say that’s an urgent call for ALL Christians to stand up for Jesus.

Through your support, you help bring the Word of God to people of all ages via TV, the radio, the Internet, and social media. This outreach leads many lost people to salvation and helps believers grow in their faith and develop a biblical worldview—which is crucial in our culture today.

But, the window of opportunity to freely share the Good News of Jesus may close sooner than we think. The time is NOW to get the message out!

That’s why I’m so grateful for your gift this month to help more people experience real truth, real love, and real hope that will last for all eternity. May many more people come to know Jesus, and develop a biblical worldview because of your support!

Love,

Meet the *From His Heart* team



Vicki Nobles
Office Manager

As office manager at *From His Heart*, I am responsible for the overall processes of our fulfillment team that provides customer support. I have the opportunity to use the gifts God has given me to help people receive inspiring resources and “ministry touches” to draw them closer to the Lord. My favorite Bible verse is Exodus 14:14, *“The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still”* (NIV).

My greatest earthly joys are the love of my husband (40+ years) and family; and the knowledge that my two amazing daughters and their husbands love the Lord, and my grandchildren (3 boys and 2 girls) are being raised to cherish Jesus.

Your gifts at work!

The impact you make on people by broadcasting God’s Word is far greater than you could imagine! Here are just a couple of recent letters ...

I absolutely love your messages on the radio. They have helped me a lot with my Christian walk.
— Jeremiah

Your ministry means the world to me. I am a recovering addict, and I have almost lost my family over it. But I found myself listening to your sermons online, and they have really ministered to my heart in a BIG way. Thank you for all you do for me and others.
— Mickey

It’s only through your generosity that people like Jeremiah and Mickey can tune in to *From His Heart* programs ... so the thanks goes to you!

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