

sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: NO REGRETS

TODAY'S SERMON: LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

SCRIPTURE: MULTIPLE

Question: What is a worldview? My worldview is the beliefs that I build my life on.

1 Seven popular worldviews we find in our culture

1. Materialism: "The one with the most toys wins."

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Luke 12:15 (NKJV)

2. Self-Centeredness: "I've got to think of me first."

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25 (NKJV)

3. Hedonism: "Do whatever feels good."

He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man;

He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Proverbs 21:17 (NKJV)

4. Pragmatism: "Whatever works for you."

There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)

5. Naturalism: "God doesn't exist or matter."

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:20-22 (NKJV)

6. Humanism: "You are your own God."

who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:25 (NKJV)

7. Theism: "God made me for His purposes."

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)

2 Why does it matter what I believe?

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

3 How can I strengthen my worldview?

1. Learn the truth.

Buy the truth, and do not sell *it*,
Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Proverbs 23:23 (NKJV)

2. Discern what is false.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

3. Turn from the world to the Word.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

4. Concern yourself with God's agenda.

But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 12:31 (NKJV)

The world needs us to know what we believe; why we believe it; explain what we believe; and most of all, live what we believe!