

Looking Through A Fish Bowl?

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Thesis:

View the World Through God's Eyes (i.e. The Word of God)

Introduction: Extreme Physics Magazine - "The Fish Bowl"
The World View of the fish was distorted. The Christian World View is clear as we live for Him.

I. Is Your World View Distorted by the World? Or Is Your World View Clear and Godly?

A. World Philosophy (Colossians 2: 6 – 10)

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

B. Christian World View (Romans 12:2)

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.

Be Not Conformed

If we don't really believe and live the truth of God, then our witness will be confusing & misleading. Most of us go through life not recognizing that our personal worldviews have been deeply affected by the world. Through the media and other influences, the secularized American view of history, law, politics, science, God and man affect our thinking more than we realize.

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(From "What's a Christian Worldview?" on Focus on the Family website.
Requoted in Manhood Restore Study)

II. How Do You Know You Are Living With a "Godly" World View?

(Ephesians 4: 22 – 24)

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

You Took Off The Former Way of Life

(I Corinthians 13:11)

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Put Away Childishness

III. What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?

(Romans 8: 6 – 7)

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?
Having Peace

(Philippians 4:6)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?
Not Being Anxious

(I Corinthians 2:16)

For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?
Having the Mind of Christ

(Philippians 2: 2 & 5)

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?
Having One Mind in Christ With Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

(I Peter 3: 8 – 9)

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

What is the Advantage of Living With a "Godly" World View?
Receiving Blessings from God

Conclusion:

Know That Your World View
Has A Strong Impact
on Your Walk With Christ!