

Biblical Worldview Series!

Part 3: "What are You going to Do?"

So far... *Discovered the Bible-worldview that man is in a state of natural depravity...* Following our own ways will lead us away from God. Never "good." ***And that God defines success far differently than we do...*** Take heed and beware of covetousness for life does not consist in the abundance of things we possess! **Lk 12.15** What does it profit if we gain the whole world and lose our (a) soul? What can we give in exchange for our souls? **Mt16.26 Mk8.36 Lk9.25** It's foolish to be rich in this world's goods and not be rich toward God! **Luke 12.21**

Worldview Survey... Leading to the questions: How important is it to you, personally, to develop, to work toward these outcomes in your life? Developing a deeper relationship with God... Increasing your understanding of God and His ways... And how would you begin?

More church? Church Classes? Outside church activity? Worship? Prayer? Reading? Sharing faith? Mentoring?

Classic Paul! "If there's any reason to have confidence in worldly things, I have more! But those things that were counted as my success, I counted as loss for Christ. *I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have allowed the loss of all things and count them as dung that I may win Christ!* I want to be found in Him, in His righteousness, not my own. *I want to know Him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death if by any means I might get a hold on the resurrection of the dead...* not as though I have already attained it or am perfect but *I follow after it to become conscious of why He grabbed hold of me.* Again, I do not count myself as understanding it all, but this one thing I do, forgetting the things of my past, *I reach forward to what is ahead of me, and I press toward the bullseye for the prize of the high calling I have from God in Jesus!* Let us therefore, as many as are growing, be minded in the same way, and, if in any of this you are otherwise minded, God will reveal this to you. Nevertheless, whatever level you have already come to, *let us walk by the same rule, let us fill our mind with the same thing (the pursuit)!* **Philippians 3.4-16**

Paul... *As a worldling Paul knew what he wanted, went after and attained it...* Turned pedigree/ bloodline/ privileges! "inheritor of the covenant with God!" Into a life of power and influence! "zeal/persuasion" to secure permission to persecute the church! Excellent in accomplishments/ accumulations of all the right stuff!

A Jew of Tarsus! **Acts 21.39** Educated by Gamaliel! **Acts 22.3** A free-born Roman citizen! **Acts 22.8**

Paul... *With God's world view...* Set aside all his trust and confidence in "worldly richness..." To be found righteous and rich in God! Freed to pursue the power of the resurrected life we have in Christ... Acknowledging the open-endedness of the quest for transformation! To keep reaching for the target of knowing, in the fullest sense, the purpose of God for his life in Christ... ***INVITING US ALL TO JOIN THE JOURNEY!***

We must deal with the reality that Sunday Church is not enough to get us where we want to be!

Where? *Comforted, knit together, fully assured, that in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* Don't let anyone deceive you, as you have received Christ, *walk in Him, rooted, built up and*

established in faith. Don't let anyone spoil you with philosophy, vain deceit, the traditions of men and the elements of the world. *All the fullness of God is in Christ and you are complete in Him* who is the head of all principality and power! **Col 2.2-10**

So, how... *Everything begins with the Word of God!* "Your word is the lamp unto my feet and a light for my path!" **Ps 119.105** "I thought on my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies!" **Ps 119.59** If you don't read it you won't see Him to develop a deeper relationship... If you don't read it you can't increase your understanding of Him and His ways!

Did you know the Gospel of Matthew, one view of Jesus, is only 43 pages long? Mark, 29 pgs; Luke, 48 pgs; John, 34 pgs 154 pages away from 4D image of Jesus!

Starting up... *Power read for overall grasp...* Notes and symbols in the margins! Read for "items..." Miracles... (M) Character details... (CH) Compassion, endurance, patience... Time/Location changes... (T) departed... passed over... came to... **Topics... (W,\$,SS...)** **Color code promises/blessings, warnings, life verses, major concepts, connected verses in a passage... *Study...word studies...*** "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2Tim2.15** "Use speed in your diligent efforts to present yourself approved to God a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, making straight cuts through the word of truth!" Same verse, word studied! **Link verses for topics... Use Bible dictionaries and commentaries...**

So, how... *Next stop is the Holy Spirit!* After salvation you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is for you and your children and for all who are called. **Acts 2.38,39** Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit! **Mark 1.8** Everyone who asks, receives... your Father will give the Holy Spirit to those that ask! **Lk 11.10,13** The Holy Spirit comes to teach and remind us about Jesus and guide us into truth... **J14/16** And share what the Father has for us as sons and daughters! **R8.15,26-28**

So, how... *Sharing your testimony about Him!* This brings you into contact in a new way! Find Him walking it out, working alongside you, just as he said. Find out what it means to be partnered in His sufferings to redeem mankind! Don't be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord... but be a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God... **2Tim 1.8** And with great power they gave witness of the resurrection of Jesus and great grace was upon them! **Acts 4.33**

So, how... *Developing a life of worship!* True worship includes singing... Singing songs w/verve because the expressions become *personal...* Singing because talking doesn't equal the force of your joy over Him/ways! And because you know He pulls near in our praise and worship! True worship is coming to your will and his will and you bow to Him! (desires) True worship is coming to your mission and His and choosing to fulfill His, not yours! **Lk 22.42**

So how important is it to you to develop a deeper relationship with God?