

## **WORLDVIEW TRANSFORMATION**

1. Worldview transformation is the lifelong process of coming to think like God thinks—to think God’s thoughts after him.
2. God calls us to love him with all our mind.
  - a. **Deuteronomy 6:5** 5 You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.
  - b. **Matthew 22:37** 37 You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
  - c. “Developing a Christian mind is part of the very essence of discipleship unto the Lord Jesus.”<sup>1</sup>
3. Worldview transformation doesn’t happen automatically once one becomes a Christian.
4. New believers should begin worldview transformation immediately.
  - a. **Romans 12:2** 2 Do not keep being conformed (συσχηματίζω, pres.) to this present age (αἰών), but keep being transformed (μεταμορφόω, pres.) by the renewal (ἀνακαίνωσις) of the mind (νοῦς), in order that you (pl.) may keep testing (δοκιμάζω, pres.) what the desire of God is, that which is good, acceptable, and perfect.
5. Believers must continually recalibrate their thinking to the biblical worldview.
  - a. “By choosing to undertake a course of study, meditation, and reflection, we place ourselves in a position to undergo a change in the content, strength, and centrality of our beliefs.”<sup>2</sup>
6. Failure to undergo worldview transformation leads to:
  - a. Double-mindedness.
    - (1) **Psalms 119:113** 113 I hate those who are double-minded, but I love your law.
    - (2) **James 1:7-8** 7 That man [a believer who doubts] ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
  - b. Stupidity.
    - (1) **Proverbs 1:22** 22 How long, naive ones, will you love being simple-minded, and scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, and fools hate knowledge?
7. Local churches are called to be biblical worldview academies.
  - a. **1 Timothy 3:15** 15 The household of God...is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth [the biblical worldview].
8. Worldview transformation produces:
  - a. Faith.

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<sup>1</sup> J. P. Moreland, *Love Your God With All Your Mind*.

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- (1) **Hebrews 11:1-2** 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation
  - (2) **Hebrews 11:6** 6 Without faith it is impossible to please [God], for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
  - b. Wisdom.
    - (1) **Romans 12:2** 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the desire of God, what is good, acceptable, and perfect.
    - (2) **Romans 16:19** 19 I [Paul] want you [Roman believers] to be wise in what is good [the biblical worldview] and innocent in what is evil [the satanic worldview].
  - c. Resiliency.
  - d. Courage.
    - (1) The prophets and apostles were courageous because their worldviews had been transformed.
    - (2) “Courage is the flower of conviction.”<sup>3</sup>
9. Worldview transformation empowers us to live with true integrity—with congruence between our thoughts, words, and actions.
  10. Worldview transformation gives one tremendous intellectual confidence.
  11. As we become convinced of the biblical worldview, satanic worldviews lose their appeal.
  12. Mastering the biblical worldview puts us in position to pass on that worldview to the next generation. You can pass on what you don’t have.
    - a. E.g., passing the baton.
  13. Mastering the biblical worldview puts us in position to share the gospel effectively with others.
  14. Mastering the biblical worldview puts us in position to impact culture and society.
    - a. **1 Chronicles 12:32** 32 Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.
    - b. “Ideas may have consequences..., but people change cultures. For that reason, The Blackstone Fellowship seeks to identify and train leaders who passionately demonstrate truth. This means [embracing] the right things (orthodoxy), at the right times (orthopraxis), with the right attitudes (orthopathos)—all to God’s glory alone. Only by intentionally employing this three-orbed approach can the culture be engaged and changed.”<sup>4</sup>
    - c. E.g., reading the Bible and a newspaper, side-by-side.
    - d. E.g., providing a defense of the biblical worldview as it relates to euthanasia.

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<sup>3</sup> Jeffrey Ventrella, Alliance Defending Freedom.

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15. Mastering the biblical worldview puts us in position to create works of art that are beautiful, good, true, and pleasing to God.

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