

Do My Beliefs Matter?

Wide Angle-Part 1
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What is a World View?

- The STORY I Tell Myself About the World
- The BELIEFS I Build My Life On

Like...

- **The One Who Dies with the Most Toys Wins: MATERIALISM**
Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Luke 12:15
- **Gotta Look Out for #1: NARCISSISM**
For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25
- **If It Feels Good, Do It: HEDONISM**
I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless. Ecclesiastes 2:1
- **Whatever Works for You: PRAGMATISM**
There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12
- **I am the Captain of My Soul: HUMANISM**
The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1

- **I Was Made to "Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever": BIBLICAL THEISM**
In your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11(NKJV)

Two Myths:

- The SINCERITY Myth
- The SITUATIONAL Myth

What Should I Do?

- **Recognize the SIGNIFICANCE of Your Worldview**
For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34b
- **Seek the TRUTH!**
Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well. Proverbs 23:23
- **Turn from the WORLD to the WORD...**
Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2
- **Restructure Your AGENDA...**
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33