

Perspectives: A Changed Perspective

Week 1: A Godly Perspective

What is Perspective?

Perspective, according to dictionary.com, is a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a **point of view**. Throughout this study, we will look at three types of perspectives.

These are:

_____ perspective

_____ perspective

_____ perspective

The bible provides direction on how to address each of these perspectives.

1. **Romans 12:2 NIV** - *“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.”*
2. **Revelation 1:3** - *“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*
3. **Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT** - *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”*

Additional scriptures are provided on “A Godly Perspective – Biblical References” sheet.

Biblical Example

In the book of Job, we see several perspectives displayed by different individuals. Please determine the perspective being displayed by the individuals in the following passages:

Job’s wife (Job 2:9) _____

Job (Job 3:1-26) _____

Job’s friend Eliphaz (Job 5:17-27) _____

God (Job 1:8-12; 2:3) _____

Next week, we’re going to look at “Working in the Vineyard.” What is it to work in the vineyard? Work vs. ministry? How can we develop a Godly perspective as we work?

Before we end this session, let’s look at the 30-Day Challenge.

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It's important to stand on biblical truths. Reflect on the scriptures below and ask God to give you discernment to fully understand and apply these truths to your life.

Romans 12:2: 2 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.

Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV: 8 for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the lord. 9 for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 peter 1:13-15 ESV: *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*

Colossians 3:2 ESV: *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

Romans 8:28 ESV: *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Proverbs 14:12 ESV: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

2 Corinthians 4:18 ESV: *As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

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30-Day Challenge

Transitioning from a worldly perspective to a God perspective is a huge transformation. According to Romans 12:2, we are transformed by the “*renewing of minds*.” Renewing of our minds takes time and focused effort. It is something you must constantly work at.

Over the next 30 days, we are going to be intentional in the renewing of our minds to transition from having worldly perspectives to God perspectives.

30-Day Challenge Guidelines

1. Select an area, issue, situation, problem, struggle that you are currently facing. It could be a relationship, a health issue, work stress or any other area or situation.
2. In the 30-Day Challenge Personal Log, begin listing “worldly perspectives.” Below are some questions you can consider to help with developing your list:
 - What was your initial response? (anger, disappointment, jealous, etc.)
 - What would a typical human response be? (fight back, leave, curse, ignore, etc.)
 - What non-biblical advice would someone give you? (If I were you, I would...)
 - How is it represented in social media or main stream media?
3. In the 30-Day Challenge Personal Log, begin listing “biblical perspectives.” Search the Bible for biblical truths. Record what the bible says and the associated scripture for each biblical truth. Below are some suggestions to help with developing your list:
 - Complete a google search for your topic
 - Be sure to add “in the bible” to your search entry
 - Review the passages and capture the ones that speak to you most for your situation
 - Note: it is good to understand the context of the scriptures to ensure it is a best source of truth for your situation. Thus, read beyond the scriptures surrounding the verse or even use a biblical reference resource.
4. In the 30-Day Challenge Personal Log, document the “Godly perspectives.” Meditate on the biblical truths recorded in the bible and seek the Lord for discernment. Write down what God says. While you await God’s response, consider doing the following:
 - Search out scripture on the nature and character of God
 - Search out scripture on how God views His children
 - Search out scripture on God’s ultimate desire for all mankind
 - Search out scripture on man’s ultimate purpose
5. Meditate daily on God’s perspective as you continue to face and deal with your current situation. Refocus your mind when you realize you are embracing a worldly perspective. Ask God to grant you peace, patience, and endurance over the next 30 days as you renew your mind and change your perspective! God bless you on this journey!

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30-Day Challenge Personal Log

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

My Focus Area:

Worldly Perspective: (write down the current world views)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Biblical Perspective: (Search the Bible for biblical truths. Write down the scriptures.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

God's Perspective: (Meditate on the scriptures and seek the Lord for discernment. Write down what God says)