



Attribute 7: Applying Biblical principles in all areas of my life

▶ Scripture References

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

Psalms 1:1-2

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Romans 12:2

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.

As one who desires to be an effective Marketplace Ambassador I see the importance of applying biblical principles in all areas of my life, especially the workplace where I spend the majority of my time and have the majority of my relationships. Studies by Gallup, Barna, and others report an indiscernible difference between how the church and unchurched behave

at work¹.

In his book Monday Morning Atheist, Doug Spada puts it this way, "On Sunday we see the world through a spiritual lens, but when we get ready to work on Monday, our behavior all too often can't be distinguished from anyone else's. We claim to have seen the light, but many of us stumble around in the darkness the entire time our coworkers see us at work. This contradiction has done immeasurable harm to the reputation of God's character and love."

If my actions are no different than those who are undecided about Jesus Christ how can I expect them to seriously consider following the one I claim changes lives?

But, there are reasons beyond my witness for Christ that lead me to pursue biblical living. In a few words, it's the best way to live. The Bible is God's guide to living well. It addresses every area of life with God's wisdom and perfect perspective. As I apply its principles to all areas of my life I am, in a very real way, bringing God into those areas and acknowledging his sovereign reign over them.

A number of years ago I was exposed to a concept that helped me understand how this is best lived out. Whether we are aware of it or not we all have a worldview that provides a framework for life. Our worldview informs our values, which in turn drives our behaviors, which in turn have consequences that impact, others and us.

I own a small chain of franchise convenience stores. An earthquake hit our area and basic staples were in high demand. Rather than take advantage of the situation like some of my competitors we kept our prices stable and went even further by donating supplies and making supply runs to the local school that had been setup as a temporary shelter. My biblical worldview of justice (Deuteronomy 10:18) and compassion (Matthew 25) informed my decisions and actions.

The key to applying biblical principles in all areas of life is in developing a mature biblical worldview. Biblical values and biblical behaviors flow from having a biblical worldview resulting in a life well lived that directs others to Christ.

¹<https://www.barna.com/research/faith-has-a-limited-effect-on-most-peoples-behavior/#.V9MGjvkrI3E>

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?

Read: Romans 12:2; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:11; Deuteronomy 11:18; Psalm 1:1-2

WHICH VERSES DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER REFLECTION?

Group Exploration

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONCLUSION OF STUDIES ON BEHAVIORS OF THE CHURCHED AND UNCHURCHED?

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OWN APPROACH TO WORK ON MONDAY MORNING? WHAT WOULD THOSE AROUND YOU SAY? HOW DOES YOUR WORK ETHIC REFLECT YOUR WORLDVIEW?

HOW IS A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW BEST DEVELOPED?

Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU DO STARTING TODAY THAT WILL HELP YOU DEVELOP A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND APPLY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO ALL AREAS OF LIFE?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED? WHERE WILL YOU GET THAT HELP?

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