

Wholesome Worldview Witness: I believe in christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. - C.S. Lewis

<p>Bookend One: The Righteousness of Christ: Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. [Bookends by Jerry Bridges]</p>	<p>Psalm 37:4. Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. [Book-1: 7 Desires of Every Heart:] M.Laaser. [Book-2: 7 Steps to Knowing, Doing and Experiencing the Will of God by Tom Blackaby, Mike Blackaby, and Daniel Blackaby] [7- I AM verses in the book of John]</p> <p>Physical [Day 1:] [Bk-1: 1. To be Heard and Understood. Being fully listened to. Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Ps 51:10-12] [Bk2: 1. God is Always at Work around you.] [John 6:35 I AM the bread of life.]</p> <p>Relational: [Day 2] [Bk-1: 2. To Be Affirmed: To assert positively; to tell with confidence; to declare the existence of something; to maintain as true; Of one Jesus whom Paul affirmed to be alive. Acts 25.] [Bk-2: 2. God pursues a loving relationship with you.] [John 8:12; 9:5 I AM the light of the world.]</p> <p>Approval: [Day 3] [Bk-1: 3. To Be Blessed; pp.Made happy or prosperous;extolled; prosperous in worldly affairs; enjoying spiritual happiness and the favor of God; enjoying heavenly felicity.] [Bk-2: 3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.] [John 10:11, 14 I AM the door of the sheep.]</p> <p>Intentional: [Day 4] [Bk-1: 4. To Be Safe. Free from danger of any kind; as safe from enemies; safe from disease; safe from storms; safe from the malice of foes. Not exposing to danger. Phil. 3.] [Bk-2: 4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit.] [John 10:11, 14 I AM the good shepherd.]</p> <p>Spiritual: [Day 5] [Bk-1: 5. To Be Touched. He touched the hollow of his thigh. Gen. 32. Matt.9. Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter. Esth.5. To perceive by the sense of feeling. Nothing but the body can be touched. To influence by impulse; to impel forcibly. The sense of feeling; one of the five senses. Power of exciting the affections. Not alone. He both makes intercession to God for sinners, and exercises dominion over all men, with a true, natural and sensible touch of mercy.] [Bk-2: 5. God's invitation leads to a crisis of belief.] [John 11:25 I AM the resurrection and the life.]</p> <p>Emotional: [Day 6] [Bk-1: [6. To Be Chosen. Selected from a number; picked out; taken in preference; elected; predestinated; designated to office. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. 1 Pet. 2.] [Bk-2: 6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.] [Jn 14:6 I AM the way, the truth, and the life.]</p> <p>Sacrificial: [Day 7] [Bk-1: [7. To Be Included. To comprise; to comprehend; to contain. If there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Rom. 13.] [Bk-2: 7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.] [Jn 15:1 I AM the true vine.]</p>	<p>Bookend Two: The Power of the Holy Spirit: Ephesians 3:16-19 That He would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.</p>
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<p>Following After: Rom 8:4-5; 9:30; 14:19; 127: Gen 1:27; Phi 1:27; Jms 1:27; Psalm 127;</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23 KJV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.</p>	<p>Pure [James 1; Titus 2] Unspotted [Jm 1:27] Revelation [Eph 3; 2 Cor 12] Enthusiastically [Rom 12:11; 2 Cor 8:9-13; Eph 6:7; Col3:23]</p>	<p>Better Way: 1 Cor 12:27, 31; Heb 7:20; 8:6; 9:10-11.</p> <p>2 Peter 1:5-7 KJV And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; [6] And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; [7] And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.</p>
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2 Timothy 2:1-4 KJV Thou therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.** [2] **And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.** [3] Thou **therefore endure hardness**, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. [4] No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

PERSONAL **R**ESOLVE: **A**BIDING **I**NTENTIONALLY, **S**ACRIFICIALLY, **E**NTHUSIASTICALLY: **S**ERVE

STATEMENTS/IMPERATIVES/COMMANDMENTS IN MATTHEW:

The following is a list of imperatives/commandments that Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew; the New Testament uses indicative statements when discussing what God has done, is doing or will do. Imperative statements are used when saying what we should do. It is important to realize, not only that both moods are present in the Bible, but that there is a specific relationship between these two moods in the area of sanctification. Namely, what God commands us to do (the imperative) is based upon what HE has done, is doing or will do (the indicatives). God is signifying by this consistent pattern that sanctification depends on God, but involves human volition and cooperation. The gospel of Matthew:

4:4, Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

4:7, Tempt not the Lord thy God.

4:10, Worship the Lord thy God..

4:10, Serve only the Lord thy God.

4:17, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

4:19, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

5:3, Be humble, spiritually bankrupt apart from God

Be lost and hopeless apart from divine grace)

5:4, Be mourning over sin, the godly sorrow that produces repentance leading to salvation.

5:5, Be gentle and meek, having self-control empowered by the Spirit.

5:6, Be thirsting after right relationship with God.

5:7, Be merciful.

5:8, Be pure in heart.

5:9, Be peacemakers.

5:11-12, Rejoice and be exceeding glad:

5:16, Let Your Light Shine

5:17, Honor God's Law

5:19b, Do and teach the commandments.

5:23-25, Be Reconciled

5:28-30, Do Not Lust

5:37, Keep Your Word

5:38-42, Go the Second Mile

5:44-46, Love Your Enemies

5:46-48, Be Perfect

6:1-18, Do Diligent Disciplines of Service, Prayer and Fasting

6:19-20: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

6:25:Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"

6:33, Seek 1st the kingdom of God

7:1-3, Judge Not

7:6, Do Not Cast Pearls

7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

7:12, Do Unto Others

7:13-14, Choose the Narrow Way

7:15-16, Beware of False Prophets (A tree and its fruit)

9:37-38, Pray for Laborers

10:8: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

10:16, Be Wise as Serpents

10:28, Fear Not

11:15, Hear God's Voice

11:28-30, Come unto Me, Take My Yoke and learn from Me, find rest

15:4, Honor Your Parents

16:6, Beware of Leaven

16:24: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

18:10, Despise Not Little Ones

18:15-17, Go to Offenders

18:21-22, Forgive Offenders

19:4-6, Honor Marriage

20:26-28, Be a Servant

21:13, Be a House of Prayer

21:21-22, Ask in Faith

22:37, Put God first

22:37-40 love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

23:8: "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

23:9: "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

24:42: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

25:35-36: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

26:41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

28:19-20, Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...