

When George Barna, who has researched cultural trends and the Christian Church since 1984, completed a recent nationwide survey, it was determined that only 4% of Americans had a "biblical" worldview; "born-again" believers in America were a dismal 9%. Barna's survey also connected an individual's worldview with his or her moral beliefs and actions. Barna says, "Although

most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life."

1. What's a worldview? A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world. "[It's] any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world and man's relations to God and the world," says David Noebel, author of *Understanding the Times*.

Whether conscious or subconscious, every person has some type of worldview. Someone with a biblical worldview believes his primary reason for existence is to love and serve God. A personal worldview is a combination of all you believe to be true, and what you believe becomes the driving force behind every emotion, decision and action.

2. What's a biblical worldview? A biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is entirely true, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do. Do you have a biblical worldview? Is your answer 'Yes' to questions like: Do absolute moral truths exist? Is absolute truth defined by the Bible? Is Satan real? Is the Bible accurate in all of its teachings? . . . More important than your 'Yes' to these questions is whether your life shows it.

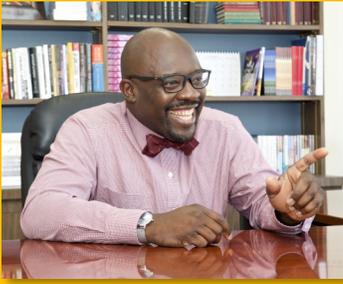
3. How does a biblical worldview get diluted? Nonbiblical worldviews bombard us constantly from television, film, music, newspapers, magazines, books and academia. Because we live in a selfish, fallen world, these ideas seductively appeal to the desires of our flesh, and we often end up incorporating them into our personal worldview. Sadly, we often do this without even knowing it.

4. Why does a biblical worldview matter? If we don't really believe the truth of God and live it, then our witness will be confusing and misleading. Our personal worldviews have been deeply affected by the world. However, by diligently learning, applying and trusting God's truths in every area of our lives — whether it's watching a movie, communicating with our spouses, raising our children or working at the office — we can begin to develop a deep comprehensive faith that will stand against the unrelenting tide of our culture's nonbiblical ideas. **"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"** (Romans 12:2).

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URGENT PRAYER

- Don Cobbs, recovery
- Ben and Adaire Brown and Family, daughter passed away
- Zedekiah Emanuel and Family, grandmother Dolores Emanuel passed away
- Dominique Harrison, father very ill in ICU
- Yvette Brewer (daughter-in-law/sister-in-law of Sis Brewer and Dywanna), in hospital
- David Streeter, Emanuel Hospital
- Elwood Reid's Parents, health
- Cindy Cobbs, recovery
- Sister Oris Wesby, recovery
- Doris Adams, recovery
- Carl Parker and Family, Brother passed away in California



LET'S CHAT!
with Pastor D



SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

March 30, 2019

We continue this week by sharing the last two points from the book *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas J. Stanley. The author shares the seven traits of a millionaire, here are the final two:

- 6. **They target opportunities that benefit from large amounts of spending.** Being a millionaire sometimes forces one to spend. However, spending should be done wisely and bring residual income. It is bad business to spend and never take time to analyze returns. Recognize that material things always depreciate in value.
- 7. **They work in the right jobs, often for themselves.** Stanley challenges all readers to create opportunities for their future. Settling in careers, applying for and waiting for a job shouldn't be the only option. In fact attending a university while accumulating debt should be evaluated. We need to use our entrepreneurial minds and create enterprise. Opportunities don't often just happen. It takes hard work, dedication, strategy and planning.

A friend shared with me recently that he became upset when he was not presented with a leadership opportunity on his job. He expected his boss to hand him the position or promotion because of his years of service. He later became upset and left the job feeling disgruntled when the position was given to someone else. Sometimes we need to make things happen. We can't wait for the handouts of others. We can't wait for others to create that business and then apply for a job. Try something new, dedicate time and effort knowing that with God all things are possible.

BIG LAKE YOUTH CAMP

If you have a child interested in attending Big Lake Youth Camp this summer, you must turn their name in to the church office (503) 287-7649, no later than **Saturday, April 6, 2019**. Contact Sister Violet Larry with questions at (971) 219-2366.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 1 **April Fools Holiday**
- 1 Bible Study 12pm
- 2 Pray for Our Children 7pm
- 3 Mid-week Prayer 7pm
- 5 **PAES Early Dismissal 12:30pm**
- 5 Adventist Med Cntr First Friday 7:15pm
- 6 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 6 Hour of Power immediately following service

Items that appear in red are at partner locations, additional information on Sharon church bulletin board.

join our team

Oregon Conference needs volunteers for Hispanic Camp Meeting (July 11-13) and Gladstone Camp Meeting (July 16-20) in Hospitality, Shuttle Service, Safety and Security, licensed RNs, EMTs and paramedics. To volunteer, visit <http://volunteers.OregonAdventist.org> or contact Lisa Rodriguez at 503-850-3350.