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Does Worldview Matter, Really?

Dear Pastor,

Last Thursday we hosted a webinar with Joseph Backholm. Joseph addressed the importance of worldview and how a person's worldview informs their view of everything. I reckon that's why we call it a "world" view. We invite you to watch and listen to a recording of the webinar [HERE](#).

Fresh from the Thursday webinar on Friday, I read a short article by John Stonestreet on surrogacy. I encourage you to read it. You can find it [HERE](#).

I used to deal with the issue of surrogacy when I taught ethics, included in the broader topic of reproductive technologies. Here is a question for you: when was the last time you heard a message on the issue of reproductive technologies in general or surrogacy in particular? Or, when was the last time you preached or taught on this topic?



No, I'm not asking because I think it needs to be a priority for you, or to try to put you on some kind of guilt trip. I raise the question because I think it might be good to consider where in your ministry might you include room for helping your people develop a biblical worldview as it relates to—well, everything—including things like surrogacy. And I raise *that* issue because I think it might be good to consider this question: what sources of information are your people looking to for an understanding of issues such as surrogacy? They will develop thinking and attitudes on the basis of something. If I

understand Psalm 1 accurately, basically there are only two choices: the "counsel of the ungodly" or "the law of the Lord."

I believe in the sufficiency of Scripture. But it isn't always easy to "tease out" the implications of biblical truth for some of the complex issues of the day. So, what do I suggest? I'm so glad you asked!

I know you can't deal with all the issues confronting us today and that you might like to address. There aren't enough contact hours with your people in a year (or a lifetime?) and you have to make choices about what you do or don't teach or preach about.

But here is something you can do. **You can point your people to reliable resources:**

- Find some that you like and encourage your people to access them. I think whatwouldyousay.org might be a good place to start. You could include links to helpful worldview resources in your electronic communications and also in your printed materials.
- You could let them know from time to time about a good book that they should read. Our people need to be readers. First, they need to read their Bibles, but then they also need to read good books and good articles. But they will undoubtedly benefit from some direction from you on what to read.
- Let them know about helpful podcasts they can listen to at their convenience. Two of my favorites are "[The Briefing](#)" by Al Mohler and "[The World and Everything in It](#)." We also have podcasts of our daily "[Wisconsin Family Minute](#)," our weekly "[Wisconsin Family Connection](#)," and "[Home Front](#)," a program hosted by WFC president Julaine Appling each Wednesday afternoon.
- A number of good helpful websites are available. One of them is wifamilycouncil.org. One of the values of our website is that in addition to the materials that we write and make available, we also link to other valuable resources.

You can't do everything—certainly not in the limited preaching and teaching time you have. And I suspect you agree with me that worldview really does matter.

I just wanted to encourage and challenge you to enlist some of the wonderful resources out there that will help equip your people with a biblical mindset and worldview. I think it is fair to say it has never been more needed than now.

In Christ,

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