

## **THE BELIEFS I BUILD MY LIFE ON** **Believe**

*“As a man thinks so is he...”* Proverbs 23:7

### **I. WHAT’S A WORLDVIEW?**

#### **MY WORDVIEW: THE BELIEFS I BUILD MY LIFE ON**

### **II. WHAT INFLUENCES AND SHAPES MY WORLDVIEW?**

1. Parents (Caregivers, babysitters, relatives)
2. Educators
3. Religion
4. Peers
5. The arts (music, paintings, literature)
6. Entertainment & celebrities, Movies
7. Politics
8. Social Media
9. Experiences (Pain, disappointments, abuses)

### **III. POPULAR WORLD VIEWS IN AMERICAN CULTURE**

#### **“THE ONE WITH MOST TOYS WINS” - MATERIALISM**

**Jesus:** *“[A man’s] life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”* Luke 12:15 (NIV)

#### **“I’VE GOT TO THINK OF ME FIRST” - INDIVIDUALISM**

**Jesus:** *“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.”*  
Matthew 16:25

#### **“DO WHATEVER FEELS GOOD” - HEDONISM**

*“Are you addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.”* Proverbs 21:17 (MSG)

#### **“WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU” - PRAGMATISM**

*“There is a way that seems right to a man], but in the end it leads to death.”* Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

#### **“GOD DOESN’T EXIST OR MATTER” - NATURALISM**

*“... From the beginning of creation, God has shown what He is like by all He has made. That’s why those people don’t have any excuse. They know about God, but they don’t honor Him or even thank Him... They claim to be wise, but they are fools.”* Romans 1:20-22 (CEV)

#### **“YOU ARE YOUR OWN GOD” - HUMANISM**

*“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped... created things rather than the Creator...”* Romans 1:25 (NIV)

#### **“GOD EXIST AND MADE ME FOR HIS PURPOSES” - THEISM**

*“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.”* Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

*“Do not conform [any longer] 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.”* Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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