LIVING WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW Reframe: Embracing a Biblical Worldview

"Anyone who says [he's] a Christian should live as Christ did." 1 John 2:6 (TLB)

Jesus: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:29-30 (MSG)

To live like Jesus means to live:

1. WITH DISCERNMENT

"Don't be [nitpickers]; but use your head and heart to discern what is right to test what is authentically truth." John 7:24 (MSG)

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

1 John 4:1

"Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid all evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

2. WITH <u>INTEGRITY</u>

"If you are filled with light, with no dark [parts], then your whole life will be radiant..." Luke 11:36 (NLT)

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"Stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth..." Ephesians 4:25 (NLT)

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 15:16

3. WITH HUMILITY

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

"God blesses those who... realize their need for Him..." Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

4. WITH SIMPLICITY

"... Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; [a man's] <u>life does not consist</u> in the abundance of [his] possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

"[How] do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose_your soul [in the process]? Is anything worth more than your soul?" Matthew 16:26 (NLT)

5. WITH POSSIBILITY

"... With God everything is possible." Matthew 19:26 (NLT)

"Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:2

6. WITH HOSPITALITY

"If you [welcome] a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will receive the same reward a prophet gets... And if you give even a <u>cup of cold water</u> to one of the least of my followers you will surely be rewarded." Matthew 10:41-42 (NLT)

"[Whatever] you did for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, <u>you</u> <u>did it for me</u> ... [and when] you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me." Matthew 25:40; 45 (CEV)

7. WITH CIVILITY

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9

"... In everything, do to others what you'd have them do to you..." Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

"You're blessed when you can show people <u>how to cooperate</u> instead of compete or fight..." Matthew 5:9 (MSG)

8. WITH CHARITY

"I'm telling you to love your enemies. <u>Let them bring out the best in you.</u> not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the [energies] of prayer." Matthew 5:44 (MSG)

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37 (NIV)

9. WITH GENEROSITY

"Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven." Luke 16:9 (NLT)

"Give, and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)

10. WITH PRIORITY

"Seek the Kingdom of God¹ above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

"If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll <u>find both yourself and me</u>." Matthew 10:39 (MSG)

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