

# GoBusiness100 | Lesson 14

## Worldview in a Nutshell: The Three Root Presuppositions

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### I. What is worldview, and why is it important?

Worldview definition: The assumptions (or presuppositions) we make that determine our view of reality (see [Matthew 7:24-27](#)).

A. Getting to the heart of the matter.

1. The mind justifies what the heart has chosen.
2. The goal of presuppositional thinking is to reach the heart level.

*Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.*

—[Romans 1:21-22](#)

**If you can get  
someone's  
heart, you can  
make a path  
for the Holy  
Spirit to work.**

B. We live our lives and make decisions based on our underlying presuppositions, whether consciously or unconsciously. These choices affect our life and our lifestyle.

1. Convincing takes place at the head level and cannot produce lasting change.
2. Conviction takes place at the heart level and paves the way for genuine transformation (see [John 16:8-15](#)).
3. We must learn how to work with the Holy Spirit in the process of conviction.

C. The question is not, “Are you living by Faith?”, but rather, “By what faith?”

1. Examples of presuppositional bias can be seen in the media, in conversations with others, in legislation, etc.

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### *Define a Term:*

**CONVICTION** *The act of convincing of sin or sinfulness; the state of being convinced or convicted by conscience; the state of being sensible of guilt; the act of convincing of error; confutation; the act of compelling one to acknowledge his error, or the truth of what is alleged. (Webster's 1828)*

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### II. The three root presuppositions concerning the nature of GOD, MAN, and TRUTH:

A. Basic presuppositional questions about the nature of GOD:

1. *Is He or isn't He?*
2. *What is He like?*

B. Basic presuppositional questions about the nature of MAN:

1. *Basically good or fallen?*

2. *Where does he get his value from?*
  3. *Does he have purpose?*
  4. *What is he made of (body/soul/spirit)?*
- C. Basic presuppositional questions about the nature of TRUTH:
1. *Objective or subjective?*
  2. *Relative or absolute?*
  3. *Knowable or unknowable?*

**We need to learn how to ask the questions that help us address the underlying assumptions.**

### III. The worldview journey:

- A. We begin our journey as those who are influenced (the lens of fallen human nature). Most people never move beyond being influenced.
- B. When we are intercepted by the Gospel, the lens of fallenness is replaced with the lens of Christ—we are not dualists!
- C. We must then move into integration, learning how to think (not what).  
*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. —Romans 12:2*
- D. Lastly, we become an influencer.  
*And Jesus spoke to them saying: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” —Matthew 28:18-20*

### IV. Worldview is a process of perspective:

- A. Do you understand non-biblical worldviews?
  1. Leaders know what they believe and why they believe it, and they know what they don't believe and why they don't believe it. This helps guard us from deception (we truly own our beliefs).  
*It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. —Aristotle*
  2. In dealing with the worldview of others: evangelistically, you want them convicted, not convinced.

### V. The war for Worldview: Worldview is fought on three levels:

- A. The presuppositional (heart)
- B. The evidential (mind)
- C. The applicational (actions)

### *Memory Verse:*

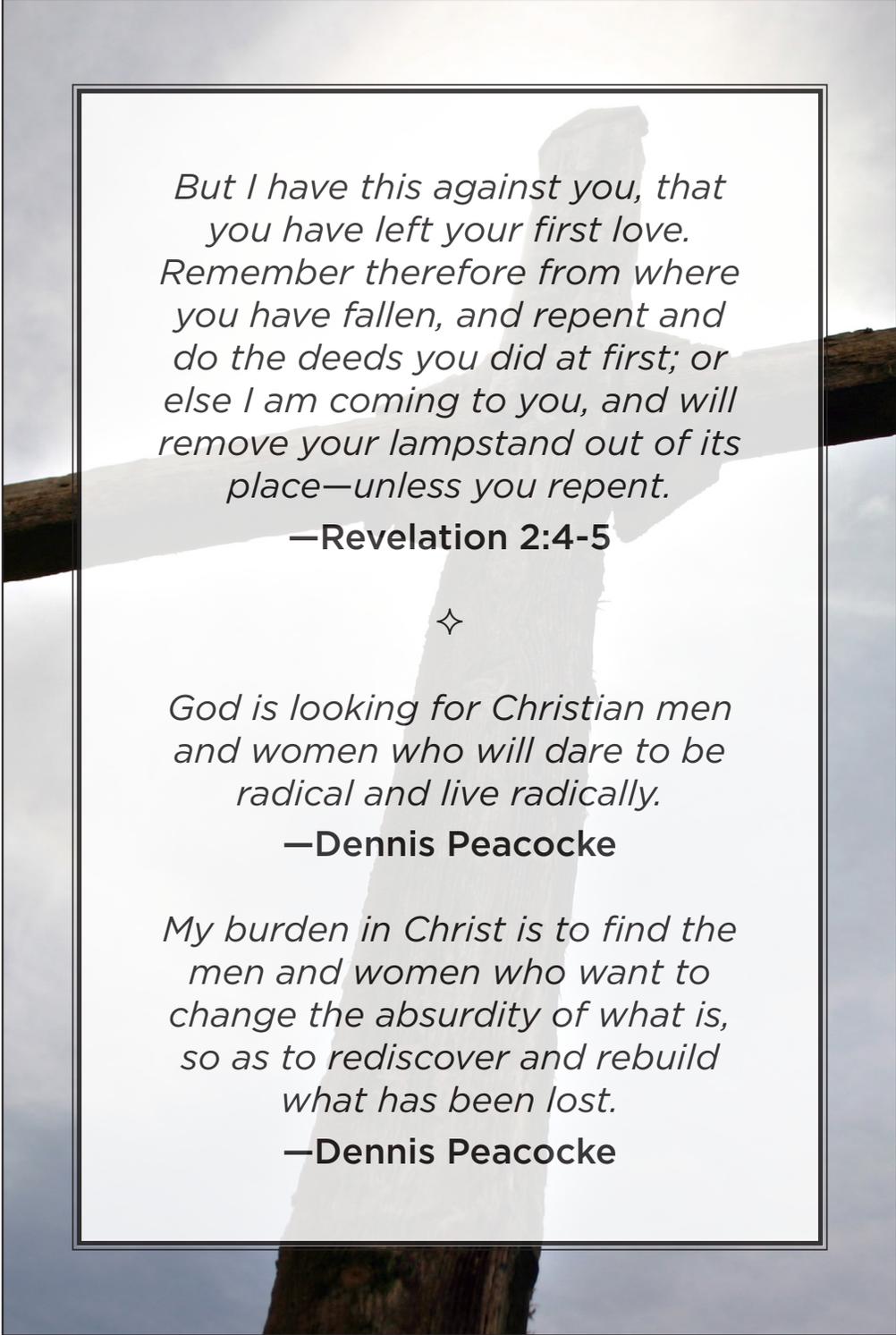
*“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”*

—[Matthew 7:24-25](#)



## *Listening Test:*

- 1. Most people are very aware of their presuppositions.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 2. You automatically receive a clear Christian worldview when you get saved.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ takes place at the heart level.**
  - a. Discipline
  - b. Determination
  - c. Conviction



*But I have this against you, that  
you have left your first love.  
Remember therefore from where  
you have fallen, and repent and  
do the deeds you did at first; or  
else I am coming to you, and will  
remove your lampstand out of its  
place—unless you repent.*

**—Revelation 2:4-5**

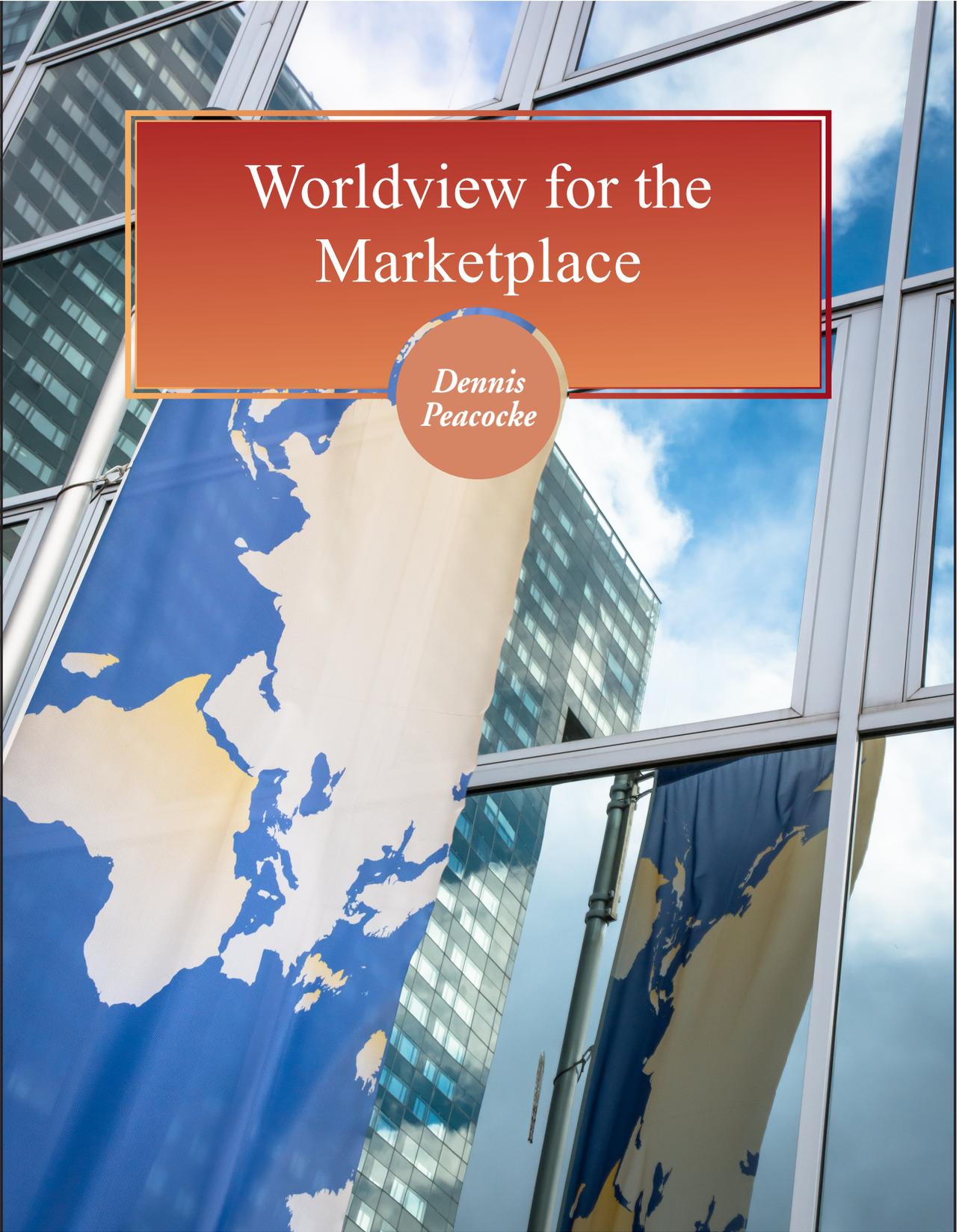


*God is looking for Christian men  
and women who will dare to be  
radical and live radically.*

**—Dennis Peacocke**

*My burden in Christ is to find the  
men and women who want to  
change the absurdity of what is,  
so as to rediscover and rebuild  
what has been lost.*

**—Dennis Peacocke**



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**You are called to co-manage God's creation in Christ**

*Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. —Romans 8:17*