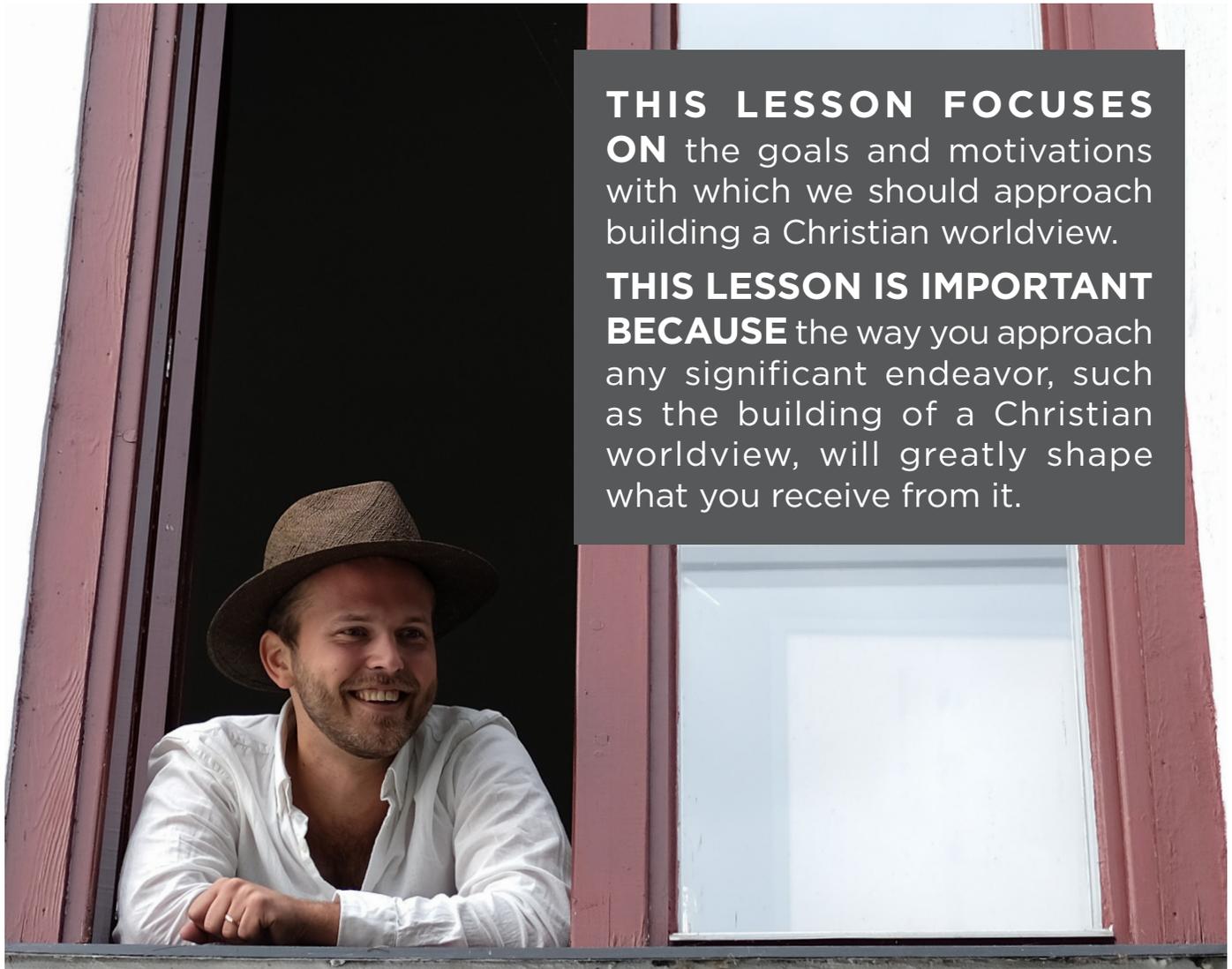


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THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON the goals and motivations with which we should approach building a Christian worldview.

THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE the way you approach any significant endeavor, such as the building of a Christian worldview, will greatly shape what you receive from it.

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CASE STUDY:

In discussing your faith with a friend, she challenges your belief in the Bible as an authority in the way we should live. “The Bible is so irrelevant to modern life. How can I possibly look to it to guide me? Tell me, what does the Bible have to say about the internet?”

CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:

Think about how you would answer your friend’s question. What are some areas of modern life that you wonder if the Bible addresses?

MAKE YOUR CASE:
Is knowing what the Bible says about the internet important? Why?

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I. Developing the ability to use our Christian worldview.

II. FOUR “HANDLES” to help you grab hold of a Christian worldview:

- A. HANDLE #1: Understanding what we believe and why we believe it.
 - 1. There is a great need in the Body of Christ for learning what we are to believe as Christians.
 - 2. Learning what to believe is good, but it is insufficient without an understanding of why we believe it.
- B. HANDLE #2: Living by design rather than by default.
- C. HANDLE #3: Becoming a prophetic voice to your culture rather than a product of your culture.
- D. HANDLE #4: Adding weapons to your witness.

Define a Term:

DESIGN: Purpose; intention; aim; implying a scheme or plan in the mind. (Webster's 1828)

III. The example of David and Goliath ([1 Samuel 17:4-51](#)):

- A. [Verses 4-11](#) and [20-30](#): David was looking at the situation with Goliath through different lenses than the rest of the Israelites because of what he believed.
- B. [Verses 31-40](#): David was ready for a confrontation with Goliath because he had been living his life by design.
- C. [Verses 31-40](#): David was bold in sharing his faith, thus he became a prophetic voice to the people of Israel.
- D. [Verses 41-51](#): David acted as a weapon for God against Goliath...
 - 1. As a witness to the Philistines and surrounding nations that there is a God in Israel.
 - 2. As a testimony to Israel that God does not deliver by sword or spear but that the battle is the Lord's.

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either lives
by design or
by default.**

IV. Curriculum Overview: The lessons are divided into three main topical sections:

- A. Life as Discovery: Growing in faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love so that you can become a prophetic voice to your generation.
 - B. Teachings focused on understanding worldview and how to develop it intentionally.
 - C. Teachings focused on the foundation and motivation of an effective Christian life.
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Memory Verse:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ’s, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ’s, even so we are Christ’s.”

—[2 Corinthians 10:4-7](#)

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Homework:

1. Why is “knowing” what you believe not sufficient for building a strong Christian worldview?
2. What is an area of your life where you feel you are living by design?
3. What is a situation or issue where you would like to become a prophetic voice to our culture? What is the different perspective you want to bring?
4. What is an area where you have found yourself looking through the lenses of the culture around you?

Listening Test:

1. You do not have a worldview until you consciously choose what you believe.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Big words are a waste of time to learn unless you want to impress people.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Everybody either lives by design or by _____.
 - a. faith
 - b. default
 - c. fate