

5.18.20 – World View

For years my wife and I taught the teens in our church and as part of the teen group we ran what we called the Teen Excellence Award Program. It included an annual trip to somewhere spectacular if the teenager participating earned enough points throughout the year to go. The trip was held somewhere like the Outer Banks of North Carolina or the Tennessee mountains near Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, etc.

We had morning devotions and a learning session in the morning while on this trip and afterwards the rest of the day was theirs. We'd go to the beach or rent go karts or visit the aquarium or spend a day at Dollywood, etc. One of the learning sessions that we taught every couple of years was on a Christian's World View. We taught that when making decisions every one of us has to choose how we view an activity or a philosophy. The analogy we used to explain what a world view was, was a pair of sunglasses. We asked the teens to imagine that before making any decision on any subject that they would put on the sunglasses of the Word of God. This way whenever they viewed an idea, an activity, a decision or a doctrine they would view that thing through the lens of Scripture. We taught them to allow Scripture to shade or color everything that they viewed or considered.

When looking at the subject of the naked body, we are concerned that most Christians today are not putting on the lens of Scripture to view the doctrine, but rather they are putting on the world's sunglasses and viewing the naked body through Satan's perverted lenses. Satan is the

one who called the naked body shameful, God called it good! Satan is the one who convinced the first couple to cover in fear, God asked who told thee! Satan is the one who does not want to see the image and likeness of God Himself everywhere so he has perverted the doctrine of the naked body into something it's not. It is not shameful, it is not ugly, it is not dirty...according to God Himself and His Word...It Is GOOD! God didn't change His mind, God didn't make a mistake, God is the same yesterday, today and forever. So, if God still sees us as His beautiful creation and you do not, then it's because you have the wrong sunglasses on...you my friend, have the wrong world view. You need to replace your shades with some shades that match the Bible! You need to see the body as God sees it...fearfully and wonderfully made and put on display as His most prized creation.

Think about it for a moment, if the sunglasses of Scripture that you were wearing colored your viewpoint then you would see the naked body as mainly nonsexual with a small sexual component, after all Adam and Eve were naked in the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. How does Satan have most people convinced to view the naked body as a sexual object? So, you should seriously ask yourself...which glasses am I wearing? Does my view and God's view match or are my sunglasses coloring my world view to oppose God's view?

We believe that the sunglasses of Scripture should be worn for every decision we must make. Who to date, where to go to college, where to work, lie or tell the truth, sex outside of marriage or purity, get in debt or pay cash, which church to attend, which friends to have, take drugs or

stay sober, etc. If we put the lens of the Word of God on before making any decision then the decision-making process becomes very easy.