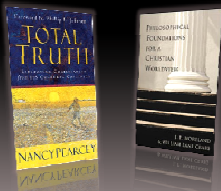



BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED WORLDVIEW

Part 1:
Construction of The Foundation



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- **Matthew 7:24-27** – The Wiseman
 - Builds his house on **Truth**
 - **John 14:6** – Way, Truth, Life
- We are to build our lives on the truth of the gospel.
 - Without Truth, there can be no faith. (**Rom 10:17**)
 - “The just shall live by faith” (**Rom 1:16,17**)



The Just	By Faith	Shall Live
The Way	The Truth	The Life

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1 Peter 1:13 – “gird your minds for action”


Colossians 3:2 – “set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”

Romans 12:1,2 – “be transformed by the renewing of your mind”

Philippians 4:8 – “let your mind dwell on these things”

The Wiseman is in the active process of mind renewal:
Constructing a Christ-centered grid through which worldly input is filtered.


How? **John 17:17** – by being sanctified in the Truth—the Word (**Hebrews 4:12**)



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Major Views of Scripture

- Rationalism:**
 - Extreme form denies the possibility of any supernatural revelation
 - Moderate form admits possibility of divine revelation, but human mind is final judge
- Romanism:**
 - The Bible is the product of the church, therefore the Bible is not the sole or final authority.
- Mysticism:**
 - Experience is authoritative along with the Bible



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Major Views of Scripture

- Cultic:**
 - The Bible and the writings of the particular cult’s leader are equally authoritative.
- Neoorthodoxy:**
 - The Bible is a fallible witness to the revelation of God in the Word, Christ
- Orthodoxy:**
 - The Bible alone is the ground of authority.




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Jesus’ View on Scripture?

- **Luke 24:25-27** – “in all the Scriptures”
- **Matthew 4** – “It is written”
- **John 5:46,47** – “how will you believe My words (*rhema*)?”

Apostles view on Scripture?

- “Three Sixteens”
- **2 Timothy 3:16,17** – “all scripture is inspired”
- **2 Peter 3:16** – Peter’s assessment of Paul’s writings



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Other Views on Scriptures:

"I believe that the Bible is completely, entirely and verbally the word of God. I refuse to stand above and criticize it; I insist rather, on standing below it and letting it criticize me."



"I myself have never encountered an alleged contradiction in the Bible which could not be cleared up by the use of the original languages of the Scriptures and/or by the use of accepted principles of literary and historical interpretation."

Damned Through The Church by John Warwick Montgomery (holds nine earned degrees in philosophy, theology, and law, and is the author of over forty books.)

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Other Views on Scriptures:

"We cannot stand and look over the apostles' shoulders, correcting their work. It is they who stand looking over our shoulders, correcting our work." (Karl Barth)



"When a professor behind a desk ... makes a pronouncement that differs from what Paul or Peter or James or John has said, then reject it, for that professor is some thousands of miles and some two thousand years too far away to make an adequate and proper judgment." (Ray C. Stedman)



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Where and how do we begin?

1. Get serious about scripture.
 - **2 Timothy 2:15** – "study"
2. Develop a habit of memorizing key scripture.
 - **Psalm 119:9-11**
3. Find someone to help you.
 - **2 Timothy 3:14-15**
4. Learn to balance the *rhema* with the *logos*.
 - **John 5:39,40**

