

A BIBLICAL MINDSET
7 Traits of Highly Effective Christians, Part 1
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Too often being “spiritually mature” is presented as doing a lot of “disciplines”

An effective Christian impacts the world they live in

What Is A Biblical Mindset?

A biblical mindset is letting the Bible guide my thinking & my actions

It's letting the Bible guide the way I view the world like a lens I look through

To have a biblical mindset I must first have a clue as to what the Bible says

Proverbs 2:1-11

Note the conditional “if” clauses – if you accept My words; if you call out...look

Note the promise in v 5 – “you will understand the fear of the Lord & find the knowledge of God”

Note the benefits – v 6 wisdom; v 7 victory; v 8 protection; v 9 know what path to take; v 11 discernment

Why Is A Biblical Mindset So Important?

1. Ignorance isn't all it's cracked up to be

We have assumed that ignorance in the moral & spiritual realm is an excuse that removes consequences

We assume God will look at us and say, “That's okay; you didn't know”

Leviticus 4:13,22,27-28

Truth is truth; error is error; good decisions are good decisions; and bad decisions are bad decisions

2. The path of wisdom and success is often counter intuitive

Spiritual examples

The Bible says when you've been wronged, you should forgive Is that the natural response?

Biblical leadership is about servicing others – not the other way around

We need the Bible to show us these things; we don't figure it out on our own

Proverbs 14:12

3. Real growth & change in any area of your life always starts between your ears
Romans 12:1-2

We are changed by the renewing of our minds - how you think

All the proper information in the world, without you deciding you want to be different, is called nagging

The new information needed to change comes from the Bible

Ephesians 4:22-24

How Can You Develop & Maintain A Biblical Mindset?

1. You must find a way to make it a priority

Some things in your life must go, so this can be added

Truth: There are boring sermons, small groups, and times of reading the Bible, but you keep doing those things because if you keep going, it will speak to your life

2. Find your personal learning style

We all learn differently

People have been very spiritual a long time before the printing press was invented

Find the method of learning that works best for you & keep it up

God is not concerned with how you get the Word of God in you; God is concerned that you have the Word of God in you

3. Stay connected to other Christians
Colossians 3:16

God didn't intend for you to be on an "island" spiritually

We need each other because we all have spiritual "blind spots"

4. Obey what you already know
John 13:17

If you don't obey what God has already shown you, you get stuck spiritually

As you respond to what you already know, God gives you more light

A biblical mindset is within your reach; but you must have a passion to know - how does God think about this, and what does God want me to do?