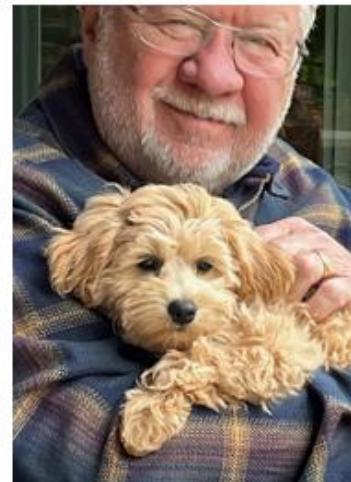


STUDY 1: Introduction & Chapters 1-6

Beginning roots of the *KnowYourWorldview.org* website and these study Journalsstarted back in 1968, when I was a 24-year-old graduate student at the University of Missouri. **God knew this boy needed serious help knowing what he believed and why.**

I recall having “searching” conversations about “doing life” topics,that turned antagonistic whenever I mentioned Jesus. Found out I really didn’t know how to express what I believed. As insecurities grew, I started wondering what I believed. Then the “God-Moment” in ***Chapter 13 – Roger 1968: a Holy Spirit nudge***, that changed my lifeand started my Quest to know God more. From those roots, grew my passion to write this discipleship study for you today.



If you have not yet experienced hostile conversations about believing in Jesus, you may someday. I want to help you be prepared for them,because I’ve been there, experienced it.

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My name is Roger, a grandpa who’s ALL-IN with Jesus!Questions on these Journal pages are **designed to help you think and write about what you believe and why. Writing is a “processing” step.** Then ask a friend or study group to “challenge you” as a safe space to speak from your heart about what / why you believe. This “practicing” step helps you learn how to say it.

Join me in our study’s prayer....

LORD, ...Give us minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so we will truly know You. Open the eyes of our hearts, and let the light of Your TRUTH flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling us to embrace. ...Let us see the FULL EXTENT of YOUR POWER that is AT WORK IN THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Amen.

— Ephesians 1:17-19 The Voice

There are two **website Bible study tools** you may want to set up as “favorites” in your computer’s browsers. Make them easy to access for working on questions we’ll be discussing.



The first tool is website **BibleGateway.com**, where you can compare many different Bible translations, and search those translations for “keywords” and “topics” that you want to find in Scriptures.



For more in-depth study of Scriptures, checkout **BlueLetterBible.org** website, where you’ll find original Hebrew and Greek word definitions, comparison of Bible translations for selected verses, Cross-References, Commentaries and Dictionaries. This is a really great tool for study.

STUDY ASSIGNMENT 1

Read the **Introduction** and **Chapter 1** in *KnowYourWorldview.org* website. Then answer questions 1-5, as we discuss **foundation topics for our study**.



CHAPTER 1: Come join me on a Quest

In Chapter 1, we embark on a **Quest to experience seeking God together**. Why? Because we anticipate, even expect **knowing God more will change our hearts and minds** by bringing peace, certainty and resolve into our lives to be more like Jesus. Let’s start with question 1....

QUESTION 1

How would you describe your worldview to yourself? What in life is important to you? Why?



INTRODUCTION: God's “gift of learning” to know Him

Scroll down the web page and you will find three translations of **Colossians 3:10** (TLB, NCV, NLT) used to help discuss **building your worldview** “as a witness to WHO YOU ARE IN JESUS”.

Open **BibleGateway.com** website and enter this verse, then compare different translations.

Select any translation you like best

for answering question 2....



QUESTION 2

How would you explain Colossians 3:10 to a friend who does not know Jesus, but is curious?



On this same web page, read “**So, how does Bloom’s Taxonomy relate to learning God’s Word**”. Review the list of “learning skills” from **REMEMBER** to **CREATE** and read related scriptures starting with Psalm 119:11 through Colossians 3:10. Answer question 3....



QUESTION 3

Explain how the progression from **REMEMBER** to **CREATE** **relates to growing in God’s Word?**



INTRODUCTION: “Living God’s Word Every Day”

On the second page of our website’s *INTRODUCTION*, read the top section a couple of times titled, “*What does it mean to be Jesus’ Disciple?*” Then answer both questions 4 and 5....

QUESTION 4

Summarize how to live as Jesus’ Disciple. Explain what did Jesus mean, saying “*Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing*”?



IN PREPARATION FOR QUESTION 5

....we will evaluate all nine “Fruit of the Spirit” to explain **why PATIENCE, FAITHFULNESS and SELF-CONTROL are critical for making good choices in life**. Open BlueLetterBible.com and enter “Galatians 5:22-23”, select “NLT” translation as shown. Then select the search button to view results.

Search the Bible
Help QuickNav Advanced Options View
Galatians 5:22-23
NLT
Examples: John 3:16 Jesus faith love "God of my salvation"

In the list of scriptures, find Galatians 5:22 and (Step 1) place your mouse cursor over “TOOLS” for a popup menu display. Select (Step 2) “Interlinear” for a display word in this verse.

TOOLS Interlinear
1 Bibles Cross-Refs Commentaries Dictionaries Miscellaneous
2 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

In a display of Galatians 5:22 words, scroll down to find “patience”. Note Strong’s number G3115 reference, and select audio icon to hear the original word pronounced. Now select G3115.

patience, g3115 μακροθυμία μακροθυμία makrothymia N-NSP

Displayed is a lot of information for original word G3115. Scroll down to “Outline of Biblical Usage” and read a **description of how this word is used in context**. Note “Click for Synonyms” for more.

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]
I. patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance
II. patience, forbearance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs
Click for Synonyms

QUESTION 5

Using steps A-B-C-D on the previous page, **research original words for all 9 “Fruit of the Spirit”** in Galatians 5:22-23. Read “Outline of Biblical Usage” descriptions for each “Fruit”, and evaluate what each “Fruit” does in building your worldview and making good choices in life.

QUESTION 5A

In your analysis, **describe how “Fruit of the Spirit” helps build a “Christ-centered” worldview.**



QUESTION 5B

In your analysis, **which “Fruit” are critical for making consistently good choices in life?** List those “Fruit”, explaining why you chose them? What difference do they make in your life?



STUDY ASSIGNMENT 2

Read chapters 2 and 3 in KnowYourWorldview.org website.



CHAPTER 2: What questions are you asking?

Recalling the conversation in Question 2, where your friend is interested in “religious topics”, but believes there are a lot of ways to get to heaven,and Christianity (following Jesus) is just one of them. Hmm? Perhaps this is where you could share your personal story of faith in Jesus Christ.Reread Chapter 2 for background ideas, and then **write your story below....**

QUESTION 6

You start by saying, “People might attempt to reduce Christianity to merely a philosophy based on human understanding, but THE POWER OF GOD cannot be fully grasped by our human minds. Let me tell you what that means in my life.”**Whisper a pray and keep going....**



....this conversation with your friend continues into question 7 on the next page....

CHAPTER 3: Do you know where you are?

Continuing the conversation with your friend from question 6, **share your thoughts about making life's choices** in Chapter3. There's much you could say, but for now focus on these two (2) sections: *God's "gift of learning" TO KNOW HIM and SEEK GOD and you will find....*

QUESTION 7

First, **why is it our responsibility to "Set 'live-by-truth' LIFE BOUNDARIES"** for ourselves, so we grow in relationship with the Lord? As we SEEK GOD, what do we experience in knowing Him?



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STUDY ASSIGNMENT 3

Read chapters 4 and 5 in KnowYourWorldview.org website. How do you relate to the "road trip" analogy about listening to the Holy Spirit's voice in your life?



CHAPTER 4: Listening to your worldview

Okay, I discussed chapter 4 with granddaughter Zoe,asking her to help me write a question for this topic. Here's Zoe's thoughts on Chapter 4: "Yes, all of us should listen to God's voice and trust His ways over our own ways, but do people even know how to do that or what it sounds like? Just because we've heard what to do does not mean we know how to do it."

ZOE'S QUESTION 8

How can you discern what is God's voice verses your own? Do you know what God's voice sounds like?How would you answer Zoe's questions?



....continue writing on back of page for more room to answer Zoe....

CHAPTER 5: What can I believe is true?

Okay, Zoe's getting into it as we talk about chapter 5.She writes, "I believe that people will often listen to and take what others say as truth, especially if it's a person you view as "higher" than you in authority (parent, coach, pastor, etc.), rather than evaluate what they themselves think and believe. This questions the things we have been taught to believe and regard as truth, and hopefully gives people the courage to come to conclusions for themselves."

QUESTION 9

Okay, Zoe is ALL-IN with Jesus, but for this discussion I'm going to ask her some questionsthat I want you to answer for her. Here goes.... **So, "What?" or "WHO?" can we believe in,and WILL TELL US TRUTH? How do we find HELP FOR MAKING LIFE'S CHOICES?How can we find PEACE and HOPE in life?** How would you answer these questions for Zoe?



QUESTION 10

Still in chapter 5,what are your thoughts regarding **my 4 reasons for trusting the Bible as a compass in your life?** Would you agree or not with each reasonand "Why?" or "Why not?"



STUDY ASSIGNMENT 4

Read chapter 6 in KnowYourWorldview.org website. Ask yourself “what is my worldview’s foundation built on?”,so after a life’s storm I’m still standing?



CHAPTER 6: Know your foundation

In this last chapter of **STUDY 1: Let's Talk about Worldviews**, we want to follow Jesus' words about **building our lives (worldviews) on His teaching,on the BEDROCK of His TRUTH** in John 14:19-20 NLT. As discussed in chapter 6, that looks like this....



Jesus is THE bedrock TRUTH we build our lives on....

- "Since I live, you also will live"with Me in Heaven for ETERNITY!
- "When I am raised to life again, you will know"the TRUTH!
- "You are in Me, and I am in you"NOW as we do life together!

QUESTION 11

At the bottom of chapter 6, ponder Francis Schaeffer's statement about “**Biblical Christianity (believing in Jesus) is Truth concerning total reality — and the intellectual holding of that total Truth and then living in the light of that Truth.**”What are your thoughts about this statement? In your words, describe what “living in the light of that Truth” means to you.



STUDY 1 SUMMARY: Introduction & Chapters 1-6

One more question you can answer below in “Your Thoughts”. Think about the following statement from Chapter 1. **How would tell someone what this means to you?**



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YOUR THOUGHTS

What is this Study 1 about? What did you get out of it? What are you going to do about it?



Thanks for studying God's Word with me. Let's keep going with Journal 2....