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Christian Worldview Ministry

In our ever changing world we are dealing with cultural issues that are affected by different worldviews. The Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that only 9 percent of professing Christians have a Biblical worldview. Today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced. In short as a people and a nation we are losing our bearings. There are some resources that may help guide you as you work to help your church develop a Biblical world view:
High-Impact African -American Churches
Barna and Jackson

The Christian Worldview
Pastor to Pastor-Focus on the Family

The Da Vinci Code
go.family.org/davinci



Our vision is to impact and influence the African American family with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, specifically reaching out to the African American pastor, the church and the community with more intentional efforts.

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Let the Children Come

The Gospels portray Jesus as a man who loved children. After all Jesus had entered the world from "the realms of glory" as an infant. As a result, He knew the challenges and disappointments which children face on a daily bases. Jesus knew the importance of childhood and how precious it is for a child to be loved and supported by his/her parents. He knew it was a time of growth both physical growth and spiritual nurturing.

Children were presented as model citizens of the Kingdom. So, when the disciples rebuked the children who were brought to Jesus for a blessing, He was greatly displeased. Unfortunately, the disciples underestimated Jesus' love and

concern for all the children of the world. As the song says..."Red or yellow black or white they are precious in His site, Jesus loves the little children of the world."

I can only imagine how happy the parents of these children were when they saw the Master's response. He placed immeasurable value on the lives of the children. He saw what they could become and not necessarily what they were. He also views us as having potential to become someone greater than what/who we are today. Jesus captured the attention of all those listening when He said "Let the children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of God...whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

We too must become like children and trust Him unequivocally. As children hopefully, we will walk by faith and not by site. Perhaps as children we will attempt to overcome evil with good and not with verbal assault and weapons of mass destruction. Even for a night's rest we can pray in the words of a child.

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
And if I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.
Amen.

As children of the King, let us depend upon Him and not ourselves.

Mark 10:13-16

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Face to Face: Conferences and Conventions

Reaching the church and its members is our goal. At various conferences we want to introduce Focus on the Family to you, and place resources in your hands. Last year we connected with over 20,000 conference attendees by giving each one a complimentary CD or magazine to encourage them along the journey of building stronger churches and families.

This summer meet us at:

Hampton Ministers Conference

Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Annual Conference