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When you walk along the road....

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV) 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and **when you walk along the road**, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

This week we're talking about our worldview - the lens through which we see and evaluate the world.

Today we are presented with a vast amount of views of the world (beliefs) that are simply contrary to the beliefs of the Bible. If we aren't discriminating in our taking in of these worldviews even our faith in the God of the Bible can be affected.

Sometimes these other views come to us in something as seemingly innocent as a Disney movie. Sometimes they can be in the "guilty pleasure" of a sitcom. If we don't examine the world around us and what is presented to us as fact we're just adrift.

A contributing author to Focus on the Family* puts it this way:

I've used a series of seven questions to help them formalize

their own worldview and to help them evaluate competing worldviews. These seven questions are common to many worldview resources and provide an effective tool for adults, as well as teenagers, particularly to evaluate the worldview of books, music, and movies:

- I. Is there a god and what is he like?*
- II. What is the nature and origin of the universe?*
- III. What is the nature and origin of man?*
- IV. What happens to man after death?*
- V. Where does knowledge come from?*
- VI. What is the basis of ethics and morality?*
- VII. What is the meaning of human history?*

(*What's Your Worldview? By Tracy F. Munsil
<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/christian-worldview/whats-a-christian-worldview/whats-your-worldview>)

So as you are confronted with just about any type of media, as social issues rear up in the news, as moral and ethical situations face you, your family, or your child, work through the worldview and see how it stacks up with the Biblical view.

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