

“Anchor Points” To Help Students Discover A “Stream Lined”, God-Centered, Worldview

This God-centered worldview for children and youth is based on 5 “Anchor Points”. When understood and applied experientially to life, these Anchor points will change the lives of our children and youth.

Anchor Point #1: The basis for a God-centered worldview is an understanding of God’s love for me. I am not capable of understanding God’s love in my carnal state. This only happens through the Holy Spirit’s work in opening my mind to the love of God and Christ for me.

Note:

Children and youth will understand God’s love for them best when they experience it lived out in the lives of godly parents, teachers, pastors and other adults. One reason why so many youth leave the church is because they have come to the realization that the words of significant adults in their lives do not live up to the actions of those significant adults.

Support Documentation:

“There are souls perplexed with doubt, burdened with infirmities, weak in faith, and unable to grasp the Unseen; but a friend whom they can see, coming to them in Christ's stead, can be a connecting link to fasten their trembling faith upon Christ.” (DA 297.2)

Anchor Point #2: The work of the Holy Spirit to take my heart to deeper and deeper levels of love for God.

- The change from my carnal nature to being “restored to the image of our Maker” is a by-product of a heart that continues to grow in an ever-deepening love for God and Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to take my heart to deeper and deeper levels of love for God. As I submit to Christ’s work on my heart, through the presence of His Spirit, I find myself desiring to give up the habits of my carnal nature that I might know God and Christ at ever increasing levels of love.
- The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us, (Romans 5:5)
- If I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (John 16:7)

Anchor Point #2, Cont.:

Note: The Holy Spirit is our “Helper” in all aspects of our spiritual journey. He reveals to me:

- my need of Christ
- my adoption into the family of God,
- God’s promptings for me, etc.

The Spirit also helps me by:

- giving me the mind of Christ as I request it
- giving me Christ’s strength for life’s struggles as I call for it
- prompting me to obedience as I seek it
- placing in me the 9 fruits of the Spirit (including LOVE) as I request them
- providing the POWER to live for Christ and witness for Him as I ask for it

He is indeed my divine “Helper.” (Acts 1: 4-8)

It is the Spirit of God that quickens the lifeless faculties of the soul to appreciate heavenly things, and attracts the affections toward God and the truth. (GW92 370.1)

Pray: “Lord, draw my heart to You and to my Father in love. Give me a heart so full of love for You that I will automatically run from anything that might lessen my love for You and my Father.”

Anchor Point #3: God is my Father & Christ is my ‘Elder Brother’:

- Because of their great love for me, God and Christ, made the ultimate sacrifice – Christ’s death on the cross for me. They did this so that I might be given the choice of living for self or living for God. When I give my heart to God I am adopted into the family of God. God becomes my Father and Christ my Elder Brother.
- Jesus said, “**ABBA**, meaning **Daddy**, everything is possible for You, so please take this cup of suffering from Me. (Mark 14:36)
- God has **ADOPTED YOU** & claimed you for His own. You may truly call Him **ABBA**. (Romans 8:15)
- We, like Christ, may call Him **ABBA**. (Gal 4:6)
- Christ ... is our Brother. (DA 25)

- Jesus did not consider heaven a place to be desired while YOU were lost. He left the heavenly courts for a life of reproach and insult, and a death of shame. (MH 105)

Anchor Point #4: God has a definite purpose and plan for my life:

- Every gift is a loan from Christ and is to be used for His glory.
- When we give ourselves **wholly** to God and in our work follow His directions, **He makes Himself responsible for it accomplishment**. We are to cooperate with the one who knows no failure. (COL 364)
- God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and **discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him**. (DA 225)
- “Many are called, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:14)

Anchor Point #5: *As a result of responding to God’s love for me:*

- The Holy Spirit gives the gift of a changed heart. My sinful heart is transformed into a heart that is full of love for God. I follow God’s purpose and plan for me – His CALL for my life.
- Christ will one day return to take me to my eternal home. I will live in the presence of my Father and Elder Brother. Throughout eternity my love will grow to ever increasing levels as I continue to study the plan of salvation lived out in my life on planet earth.

Additional Thoughts:

1. The basis for a worldview is LOVE for God and Christ. It is not enough to spend time with them each day if that time in prayer and study does not result in a deeper heart relationship based on love. The key to developing an ever-deepening LOVE for God is to understand that I cannot do this on my own. This comes as a result of the Holy Spirit giving me an ever-growing relationship of love for God and Christ. Such a relationship is also based on the part I play. I am called to a life of full surrender to Christ that results in my living a life of obedience and commitment. But even obedience and commitment are not things I achieve. They are things the Holy Spirit achieves as I continue to surrender to Christ's control at work in my life.

David said, *"I delight to do Thy will, O My God; yea, Thy law is within My heart."*
(Ps. 40:8)

When we submit ourselves (*our part*) to Christ, the heart is united with His heart (*through the Spirit's presence in us*), the will is merged with His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness...His robe of righteousness. (COL 312)

2. If ever we are to attain holiness, it will be through the renunciation of self and the reception of the mind of Christ. (MB 143)