**Christianity – Simple or Complicated? #12**

***Jesus’ Sermon On the Mount #1***

***The unexamined life***

*Does the title of this lesson bring anything to mind?\_\_\_\_\_*

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**AGREE/DISAGREE**

*It’s the journey - not the destination.*

***A Riddle***

*What two things do you have that you don’t realize you have, but use every day to do nearly everything you do?*

*Drum roll….The two things are* ***your worldview*** *and* ***your philosophy of life.***

***What Is Your Worldview?***

*Your worldview is a combination of two things, Your beliefs about how the world works. And the way you fit into the world.*

***What Is Your Philosophy of Life?***

*Your philosophy of life are the rules and regulations for how you live your life, It is your “Owner’s Manuel for Living.” It flows out of your worldview.*

***Your worldview*** *determines how you perceive people.*

***Your philosophy of life*** *informs your relationships with those people.*

***Your worldview*** *shapes your views of the past.*

***Your philosophy of life*** *determines your relationship with the future.*

***Your worldview*** *determines the significance of material things.*

***Your philosophy of life*** *is reflected in your relationship with material things.*

***Your worldview is what you believe.***

***Your philosophy of life is what you do.***

*Why is the word, “nearly,” included in the riddle?\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Why bring up worldview and philosophy of life in a Bible class about Jesus’ Sermon On the Mount?*

*Let’s take a quick look….*

**Matthew 5**

21“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

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27“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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31“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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33“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all:

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38“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.

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43“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

*What do all of these excerpts from Jesus’ sermon have in*

*common?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Jesus is saying,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*You have heard me (Danny) say that Christianity is not just a behavior modification program. Why would I say that?*

**1 John 4**

16God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19We love because he first loved us. 20Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

***A Snapshot of An Unexamined Life***

**Mark 8**

31  Jesus then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

*Why is this an example of an unexamined life and what*

*does it have to do with worldview?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*