

The Word Of God As Our Lens

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Four ways to help us find clarity in a divided world:

I. Don't _____ the _____.

James 4:17 Remember, it is a sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

Jeremiah 22:3 This is what the Lord says: Be fair-minded and just. Do what is right! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Quit your evil deeds! Do not mistreat foreigners, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent!

II. Handle _____.

Isaiah 24:5 The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant.

Proverbs 14:15 Only simpletons believe everything they are told! The prudent carefully consider their steps.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

III. Let the Word of God be your _____.

Psalm 1:1-3 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Matthew 6:33 ESV But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

IV. Bring _____ and _____ to King Jesus!

Revelation 4:11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your level of involvement when it comes to politics?
2. Do you cross reference resources? What does that look like?
3. Is the Bible your "go to" for info? What does that look like?
4. How do you personally bring glory and honor to Jesus?
5. Take the time to read The Rock Church *Statement of Faith*.

Quotes:

Phillip Yancey – “Politics draws lines between people; in contrast, Jesus' love cuts across those lines and dispenses grace. That does not mean, of course, that Christians should not involve themselves in politics. It simply means that as we do so we must not let the rules of power displace the command to love.”

Alistair Begg – “Unfortunately, preachers who distort God's Word are all too common today. Sometimes this springs from a sincere desire to soften hard hearts, but hearts aren't changed by compromise.”

Chuck Colson – “The Bible's power rests upon the fact that it is the reliable, errorless, and infallible Word of God.”

References:

“Truth, Love, and Culture” series
The Rock Church — Messages (archives)
The Rock Church — *Statement of Faith*