

CHANGING PERSPECTIVE
CHANGING THE WAY WE LIVE

1. What is perspective?

A mental view or prospect. A particular way of viewing things depends on one's knowledge, experience, and personality.¹

2. Why is perspective important?

- a. Perspective informs us about a situation or object in an accurate/true way or an inaccurate/false way.
 - i. Example: Fisheye lens or bent mirror.
- b. Perspective shapes our theology and, therefore, our view of God.
- c. Perspective causes us to pursue problem-solving with truth or error.

3. How is perspective shaped?

- a. Experience. This shapes our habit of thought and conclusion.
- b. Attitude. This shapes our positive or negative view of the situation.
- c. Education. This shapes and forms the lens that we observe the situation through.
- d. Culture. This presses us to conform to a popular worldview.
 - i. All the above can either be true or false regarding our perspective.
- e. Bible. Accurate reading and understanding of a biblical perspective will shape our perspective on God's word.

4. Spiritual influences that shape our perspective.

- a. The influence of the world.
 - i. Psychological perspective
 - ii. Woke perspective
 - iii. Popular medical/scientific perspective
 - iv. Etc.
- b. The influence of the flesh.
 - i. Inconvenience
 - ii. Uncomfortable
 - iii. Self-sacrifice
 - iv. Etc.
- c. The influence of the Devil.
 - i. Promoting anything but God's way.
 - ii. The lust of the eyes.
 - iii. The lust of the flesh.
 - iv. The pride of life.

¹Cambridge Dictionary, <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/perspective>, (Accessed 02/10/2023) Adapted

5. The remedy leading to proper perspective.
 - a. Perspective is mental, so be renewed and transformed through forming our perspective by biblical thinking.
 - i. Romans 12:2
 - ii. Ephesians 4:22-24
 - b. Become intentional in the way we think and form our perspective.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 - c. Begin forming our perspective from gratitude.
 - i. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 - d. Let the knowledge of God's presence and work in you shape your perspective with joy.
 - i. James 1:2-4
 - ii. Romans 8:28-30
 - iii. Philippians 1:6
 - e. Work toward an eternal perspective.
 - i. Romans 8:16-18
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
 - f. Why an eternal perspective?
 - i. It takes our attention away from the immediate issue and puts our attention where it should be.
 - ii. Our perspective affects the way we interpret life and that affects the way we live.
 - g. Examples of perspective setting Bible texts.
 - i. Colossians 3:1-15
 - ii. 1 Peter 4:7-11
 - iii. Matthew 28:18-20