

# Postmodernism

Today's world is often described as "always changing but never understood." The constant stress placed upon individuals opens the door for a way of thinking best known as postmodernism.

This week's devotions deal with the dangers of postmodern thinking. As you complete your devotions, ask God to strengthen your faith and understanding in the truth of God's Word.

## Memory Verses



*"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9–11).*

## Monday

1. Describe the current culture in twenty words or less.



*That was not so easy to do, was it? In fact, your answers will probably be a lot different than those of your classmates. Today's culture takes on so many different views, it is sometimes hard to sift through all the information to find out what is really acceptable in God's sight.*

2. Read 1 Peter 2:11. What do these verses tell you about a Christian's place in this world?



*Remember: if you are a child of God, this world will be a foreign place to you. You must learn to look at the world and its viewpoints as someone who is here only for a little while.*

3. Now look back to question 1. How would you change your answer, based on the verses you read?

As you learn about the main views in postmodern thinking, ask God to help you see this philosophy through His eyes so that you can Biblically respond to postmodernism.



**Memory Verse Activity:** Read through this week's memory verses and circle the commands that believers are to do. (Hint: look for verbs.) Choose one command to focus on each day this week.

## Tuesday

One popular view of postmodern thinking is that there are no absolutes. Therefore, there are no definite lines of right or wrong.

1. What are the dangers of this view?

In today's and tomorrow's devotions, you will learn a lot more about what God's Word says about truth.

**Read and summarize the verses below.**

2. John 1:1–4, 14

3. John 1:17

4. John 3:20, 21

5. John 17:17

Thank God for giving us a standard for absolute truth!

# Wednesday

Today you will be learning more about what God's Word says about truth.

**Read and summarize the verses below.**

1. Ephesians 1:13

2. Ephesians 4:15

3. Ephesians 4:21

4. Colossians 1:5, 6

5. 1 Timothy 2:4

6. Look back over your answers from yesterday and today. How can your knowledge of truth help you refute the postmodern thinking that there is no absolute truth?

# Thursday

Another popular view of postmodernism is that each individual is in charge of him- or herself; there is no need to look anywhere else to figure out or understand the purpose and meaning of life.

1. As a believer, how would you contradict that statement?

Read the following verses to find out what the Bible says about God's absolute authority over all things.

2. Proverbs 16:9

3. Proverbs 19:21

4. Proverbs 20:24

5. Proverbs 29:26

6. Romans 9:20, 21

7. Based on these verses, how can you refute this view of postmodernism?



*Because God is sovereign, you can trust Him to do EXACTLY as He says He will do. Claim His promises today, and rest in the almighty power of your loving God.*

# Friday

Read the following common view of a postmodernism: "With no truth to define reality, I am what I make myself to be. I am defined by what I look like and by what I wear." This thinking leads a person to believe that his or her position and purpose in life is determined by material possessions.

Read the following verses to discover what God says about a person's sense of completion and security.

1. 2 Peter 1:3

2. Philippians 4:11

3. 1 Timothy 6:8

4. Hebrews 13:5



*If you are a child of God, you are rich indeed!*

# Saturday

Have you ever wondered how to respond to someone who holds different worldviews than you do? Study these verses to learn how to respond Biblically to those people.

## **Let Your Love Be Real.**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1–8 and 13. What do these verses say about love?

## **Let Your Christianity Be Real.**

2. Read John 17:1–8. How does Christ's prayer for believers encourage you to be real in your Christian walk?

## **Let Your Character Be Real.**

3. Read John 17:14–17. How can your character reflect the truth of these verses?

4. Look over today's devotions. In which of these areas do you need to improve? How will you work on these areas today?



**I am Biblically handling big issues in our world today when I reflect the truths of God's Word in a postmodern society.**



# Journal Notes





Use the **Scripture** passages to refute the **characteristics** of **postmodernism**.



## Postmodernism says . . .

There is no  
such thing as  
“objective  
truth.”

The individual  
is sovereign.

Replace  
meaning and  
purpose with  
consumption.



## God says . . .

Psalms 33:4  
Psalms 119:41–43  
John 14:6  
John 17:17

Proverbs 16:9  
Proverbs 19:21  
Proverbs 20:24  
Proverbs 29:26  
Romans 9:20, 21

2 Peter 1:3  
Philippians 4:11  
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