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Being objective in a subjective world

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We live in a swiftly changing world filled with unexpected events, plot twists, and surprising natural occurrences. As we can routinely observe from celebrity role models, there are very few people and situations that are as they seem. As a Christian, how can we remain objective in such a subjective and ever-changing world? The answer to this question is certainly easy to figure out...it's the applying and practicing of the answer that is the real challenge.

Staying Objective #1: Remember that this is not our home – The Hebrew writer, in **Heb. 11:13-16**, makes it clear that people of faith are to consider themselves as strangers and pilgrims on the earth seeking that heavenly home with God. While there is little we can truly depend on in this world, we can rest assured that God is in control and will safely see us to our true home if we are faithful to Him. To apply this, we must constantly be giving ourselves to prayer, giving God all our worries, concerns, desires, joys, and sorrows. In giving ourselves to prayer we can remind ourselves that this world is simply a stepping stone to the next.

Staying Objective #2: Stay true to Christ-like character – It is ever-apparent that there are very few individuals in our world that can be considered proper role models for children and adults alike. One of the most important truths to accept as a Christian is that we have the ultimate role model in Jesus Christ who lived a perfect life in obedience to the Father. After Christ, we have countless individuals in the Old and New Testaments that, despite their human shortcomings, lived lives that truly pleased the Lord. We also

learn from Paul in **Phil. 3:17** that we are to mark other Christians who serve God in pure love and faith, using them as examples for us to serve God. While there can be individuals in our world that may or may not be good examples of moral character, Christ and His teachings will always be a moral compass for us in the storm of subjective and uncertain moral standards of the world.

Staying objective #3: Form godly instincts and then follow them – In **Heb. 5:14** the Hebrew writer says, *“But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”* From this, we see that we are to be training our “senses” or instincts so that we can properly discern good and evil. We will not always have time to carefully consider each choice that faces us in life and consider in detail the consequences that may come from that choice. There will be times we will need to make quick and decisive choices and it's at those times especially we must rely on godly instincts to guide us in making righteous choices. The only way to achieve this level of instinct is to train ourselves in God's word on what is right and wrong and never let anything compromise those standards.

Ultimately, we as Christians are to be salt and light to the rest of the world. Instead of the world influencing and changing us, we are to remain objective, focused, and allow our stable character to have a positive influence on our subjective and unstable society. Let's focus on being the right example every day.