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IV. Application

- A. We can conclude from these nine areas of theology that God cares about (a) what you read/believe, (b) how you think, (c) who your Master is, (d) your spiritual condition, (e) how you view yourself and your world, (f) where you find your strength for living, (g) your social life, (h) your protection, (i) your future. The Bible is truly the student's overriding textbook. Our study of theology shows that the Bible applies to every area of life, and is therefore our best source for developing a consistent world view.
2. How does one continue to develop a biblical world view? By studying and applying the Bible. This process is called inductive Bible study, and includes the following steps:
 1. Observation-What do I see?
Literary analysis. This involves asking who? what? where? when? why? and how? Who is the author? Are there comparisons or contrasts to be noted?
 2. Interpretation-What does it mean?
 - a. Cultural context. What are the philosophies being dealt with? How was their culture different than ours?
 2. Historical context. What were the major political issues and events during that period?
 3. Scriptural context. How do other scriptural truths bear upon this passage?
 4. Literary context. How do the passages immediately before and after affect this passage?
 3. Application-What does it mean to me?

How does this passage apply to my personal life and issues? How does it impact the world around me and the world views of today?

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Written to encourage a renewal of evangelical theology by exploring the interaction between the Christian faith and the modern world, by examining the collapse of theology in the church and culture, and by raising questions about the future of conservative Protestant faith

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