

# The heart of a biblical worldview—a three part movement

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Richard Layard: Happiness Research

Our culture of secular consumerism is out of shape. Our assumptions and values are not in sync with reality.

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Winter

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Spring

Passover

Feast of Weeks

Summer

Fall

Feast of Tabernacles

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# 1. Gift – God has given generously

(Deuteronomy 16:3, 10, 13, 15)

*God's creation is evidence of the caring hand of the Creator reaching out to secure the well-being of His creatures, of a Father extending a universe full of blessings to His children*

Gordon Spykman

## 2. Thanksgiving with Celebration

- Deuteronomy 16:10, 11, 14
- Psalm 117
- Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:11-13

*Thanksgiving is the heartbeat of Pauline spirituality - Meye*

Leading God's people to thankfulness





### 3. Generosity and Justice

List of the vulnerable, 16:11, 14

- Slaves –debt slaves
- Levites – no inheritance
- Strangers – fled poverty or war
- Fatherless – father has died
- Widow – husband has died

How could this generosity be sustained?

They know that *at the heart of reality is a generous God*

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*The contemporary American church is so largely enculturated to the American ethos of consumerism that it has little power to believe or act.*

Walter Brueggemann

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## *Leading for mission*

How do we lead God's church into authentic discipleship?

*1. Help them to receive God's best gifts*

*2. Teach them to give thanks/celebrate*

*3. Show them how to live generously and for justice*

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Darryl Guder: *The church displays the Lordship of Christ to the world in:*

**LIFE, WORD AND DEED**