



**Ancient Wisdom  
for Modern Times**

# Wisdom

Do the Word!

## James 1:22-23 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

## James 1:24-25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

The way to be blessed by God is  
to obey the Bible.

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But obeying the Bible is not easy.



Divine Disdain.

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## John 8:31-32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

## John 8:33-34 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

## John 8:35-36 (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Moralism.

# Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

# Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?



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# Romans 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?



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