

Word Doers

(Mt 7:24) Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: (end of Sermon on the Mount, Mt 5-7)

Hearing and Doing His Word leads to Wisdom to live a Stable Life

(Lk 6:46) But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? (parallel vs)

Knowing Who He is (Lord) precedes Understanding what He Says (obedience)

(Jn 6:60-61, 66) ⁶⁰Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ⁶¹When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you?...⁶⁶From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

(Jn 6:67-69) ⁶⁷Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” ⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹“Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Obey because we know Who, trust His Wisdom, not because we Understand Why

(Col 2:3-4, 8) ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words...⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

knowing Where Wisdom to live life resides (in Him) protects from active Deception

Deconstructionism: textual criticism, language fluidity - critique of scripture

Origin: philosopher Jacques Derrida 1967 (Gen 3:1)

Problem: seeking Understanding when God’s Wisdom conflicts with our Desires?

(Jn 8:43-44) ⁴³“Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Establishing Lordship Determines our ability to Understand (Jn 3:19-20)

(Jas 1:14, 21-22) ¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed...²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Self-Deception: enough God to live life my way with His blessing

isn’t Lord (Lk 6:46), isn’t source of all Wisdom (Col 2:3), just want His help

Danger: ends in Offense and Blaming God (Gen 3:12)

(Pr 19:3) The foolishness of a man twists his way, and his heart frets against the LORD.

Big Lie: God’s blessing means bad things don’t happen to His people

He doesn’t prevent life’s storms (Mt 7, Lk 6), but enables us to Stand (Word Doers)

He doesn’t guarantee circumstances, but His Word works in us in all circumstances

(Jn 14:21) “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Love Him > Obey Him > He Shows Himself > we get Understanding