

# Does The Bible Provide Practical Solutions for Today's Problems?

It is unfortunate that so many feel the Bible is outdated. Skeptics charge, "How can that ancient book be of any value to a society that has put man on the moon?" or "The Bible doesn't provide any concrete solutions for the problems of today's complex world." Nothing could be further from the truth! For only in the Bible can man find, lasting solutions to the problems of life. Stop and think for a moment how man's needs have changed in the last 2000 years. Cars have replaced horses and computers make life easier, but man himself has not changed one tiny bit. The things we do for employment have changed but the problems of the workplace are the same. The appliances in our houses make life easier, but the challenges of marriage are identical. The games children play have changed (i.e. Nintendo) but children still need the same love and support. TV may beam into every home but man still gets lonely and feels hopeless.

This is where the Bible is such an undiscovered gem. God created man and knows his needs do not change in time. God doesn't care if we walk, ride a horse or fly in a modern jet but the Bible can give us happiness en-route regardless of how we travel. Whether mud hut or "city palace" (i.e. the average city house) the Bible can bring contentment and satisfaction regardless of our wealth. God said through Peter, "God's divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness" 2 Peter 1:3. Again, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Do you have a problem in your life? "Everything pertaining to life" is in the Bible. Do you want to know how God wants you to live? The Bible will "equip you for every good work".

There are many ways a person can choose to live his life in this world, but the lifestyle of a Christians will result in the least problem and the most joy. God's word guides the Christian. It is a "lamp to his feet", Psalms 119:105. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" John 10:10. The Bible is so perfect in its pattern for lifestyle, that if we imitate the life of Jesus we have this promise, "as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble" 2 Peter 1:10. In a world where men are constantly upgrading from "DOS 3,4,5&6" on their computers its nice to know that God got it right the first time. Yes the Bible is an ancient book, but it is still the most recent upgrade.