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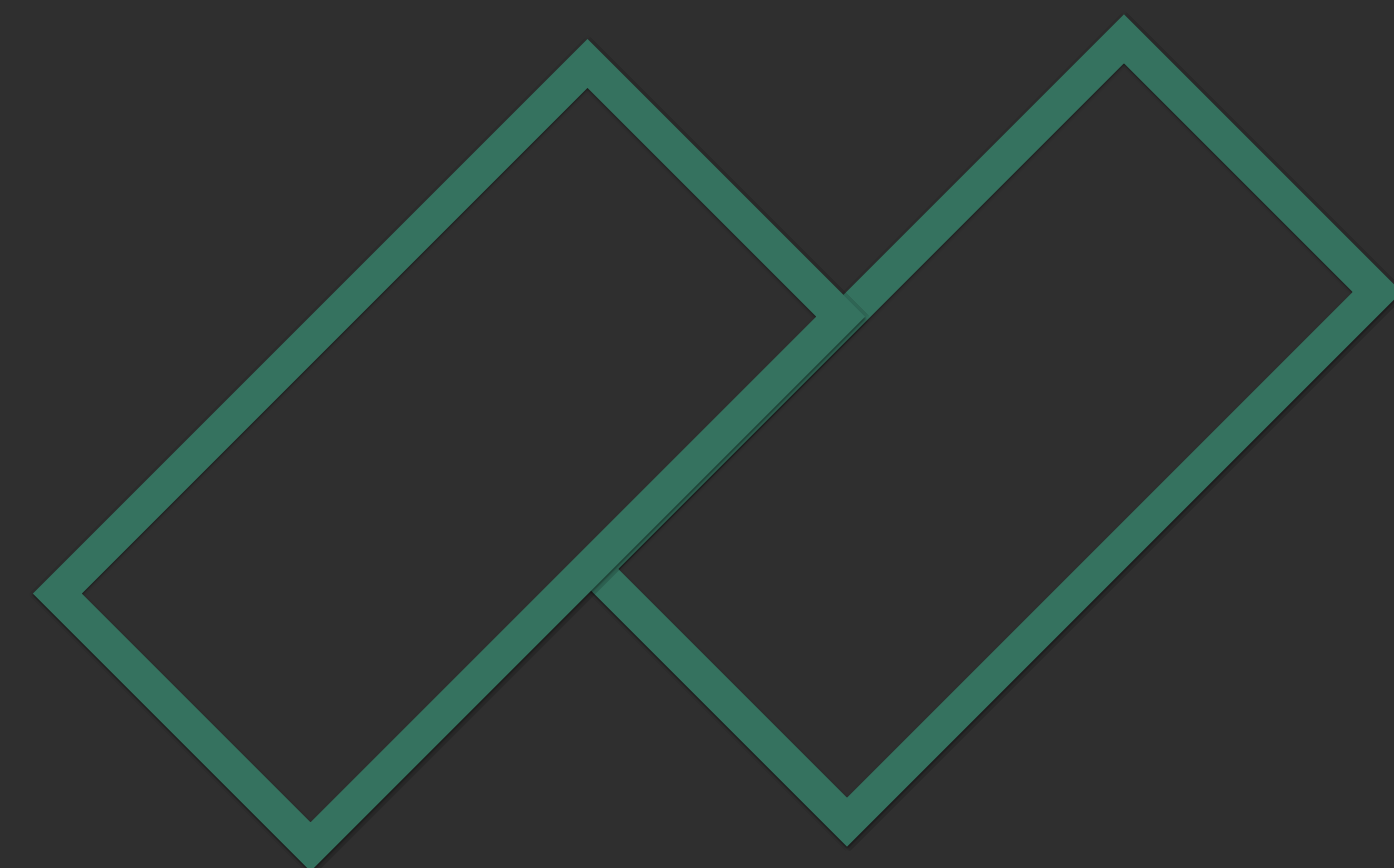
JAMES 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to **keep oneself from being polluted by the world.**





**HOW WE RESPOND TO WISDOM IS
THE BEST TEST OF CHARACTER**



PROVERBS 1:23

Repent at my (Wisdom) rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.



PROVERBS 9:7

Whoever corrects a **mocker** invites **insults**; whoever **rebukes** the **wicked** incurs **abuse**.



PROVERBS 9:8 NET

Do not rebuke **scoffers** or they **will hate you**; but rebuke the **wise** and they **will love you**.



PROVERBS 17:10

A rebuke impresses a discerning person more than a hundred lashes a fool.



PROVERBS 13:1 NET

A wise son accepts his father's discipline, but a scoffer has never listened to rebuke.



PROVERBS 28:23

Whoever rebukes a person will **in the end** gain favor rather than one who has a flattering tongue.

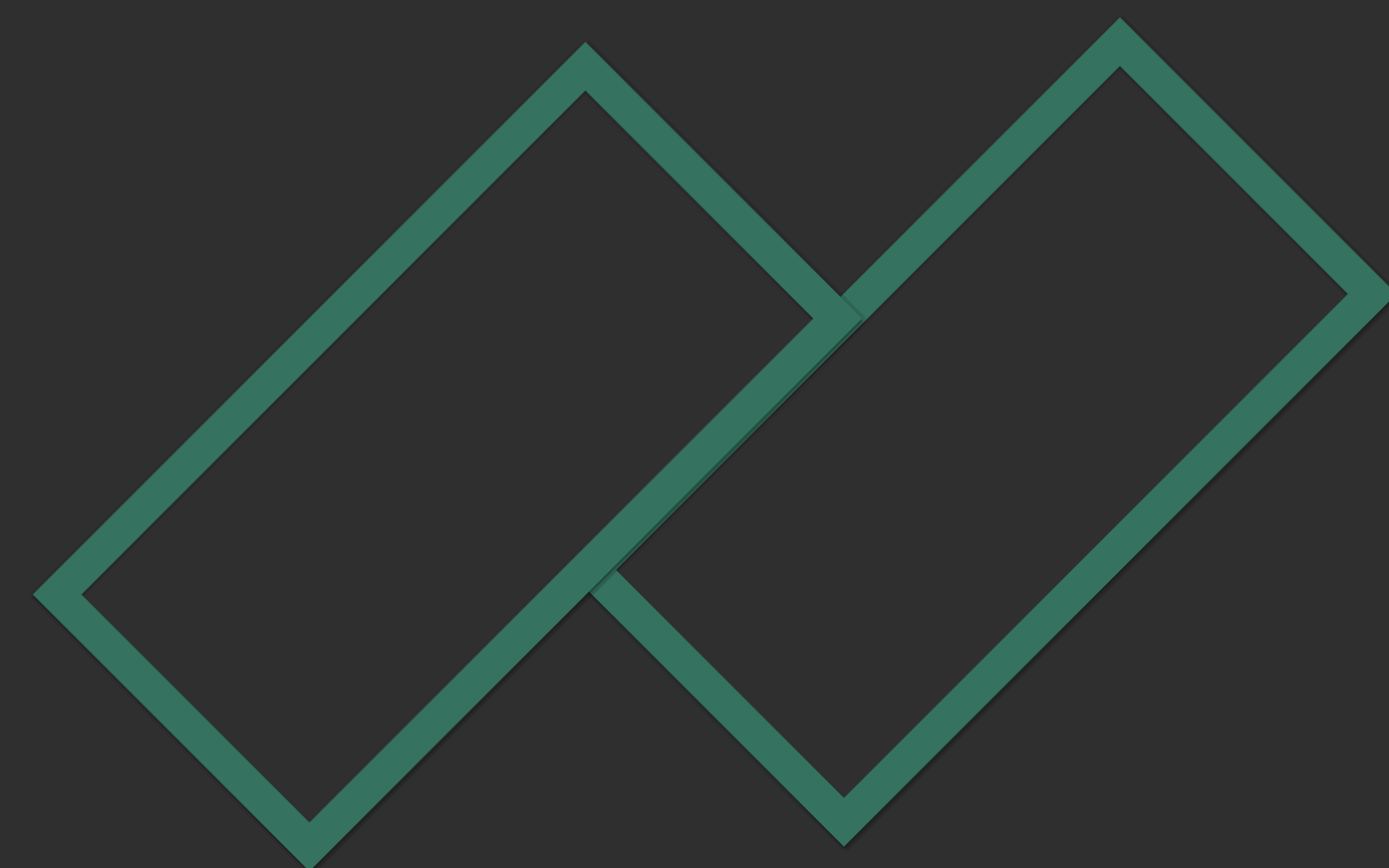
PROVERBS 29:1

Whoever **remains stiff-necked** after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.





**HEAVEN IS OUR HOME, PREACHING
GOOD NEWS ON EARTH IS OUR
MISSION, NOT THE OTHER WAY
ROUND**



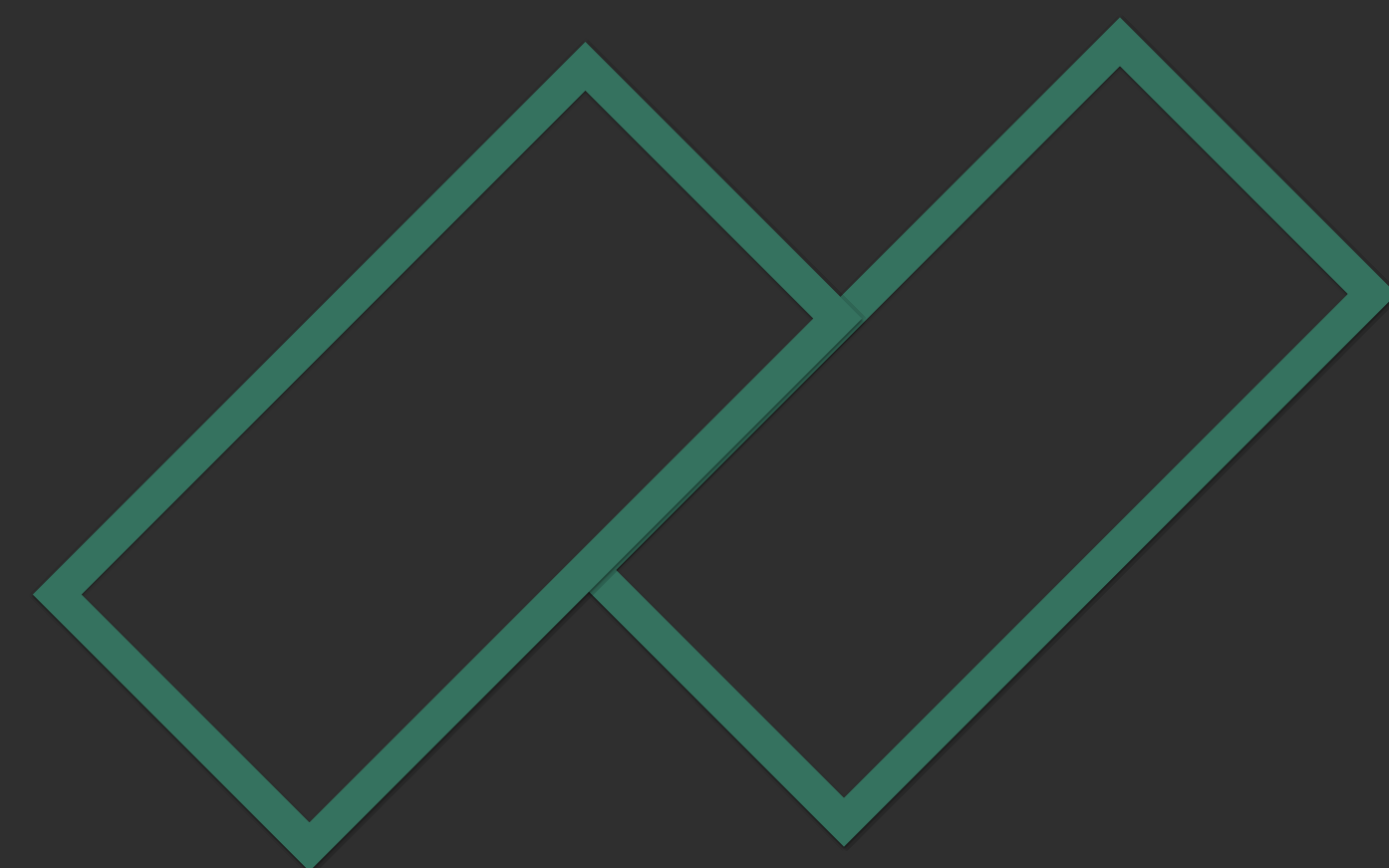


**PUSHING SCRIPTURE ASIDE FOR A
PREFERRED IDEOLOGY IS ALWAYS
A BAD IDEA**





**LISTENING TO HOLY SPIRIT
ALWAYS LEADS TO LIFE AND PEACE**





JESUS AND MATTHEW




PROVERBS 26:12

Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.



MARK 2:15 - 17

15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy



MARK 2:15 - 17

who need a doctor, but the sick. *I have* not *come* to call the righteous, but sinners."



Levi (Matthew) himself gives us a graphic description in his account of the gospel of the kind of people the Pharisees really are. He describes them as **impenitent, arrogant, oppressive, demanding, legalistic, hypocritical, and hell-bound vipers** (Matthew 3:7-9; Matthew 23:1-4; Matthew 23:23-28; Matthew 23:33).

SMITH'S BIBLE COMMENTARY



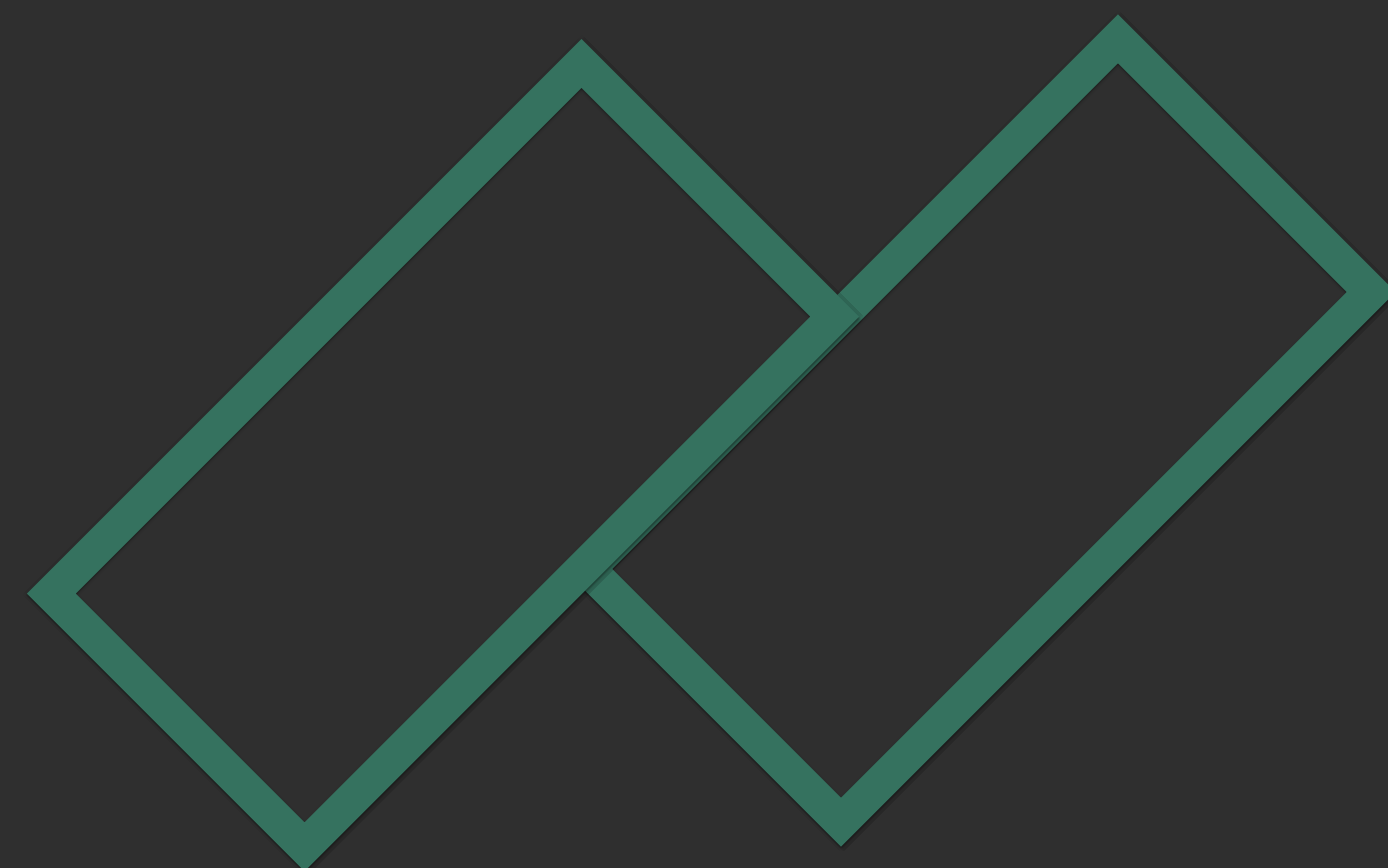
1 TIMOTHY 1:15-16

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.** 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, **Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example** for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.





JESUS, JAMES AND JOHN



MARK 10:41-45

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of



MARK 10:41-45

all. 45 For even **the Son of Man** did not **come** to be served, but **to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

