

Should We Take Advice From *Oprah*?

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I Introduction

Should believers take advice from other sources outside of Scripture? Colossians gives a very definite answer: Remain stuck to the genuine article, Christ; everything else is empty human wisdom.

II What Does God Say about Taking Advice from *Oprah*?

A. The Problem Paul Addresses in Colossians

- a. 2:4, he hints at it
- b. 2:8, he clearly describes the problem: human philosophy
- c. 2:16-23, it's a problem complete with rules and regulations

B. The Solution Paul Gives to the Problem

- a. The Colossians are doing great in their Christian walk: 1:3-6
 - b. Christ is the Alpha and Omega over the entire universe: 1:15-20
 - c. Christ holds all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge: 2:3
 - d. That's not all → Christ completes the Colossians, 2:10, and they are permanently attached at the hip to Him: 2:11-13
 - e. That's not all → He killed man's wisdom/philosophy: 2:14-15
- * Can you see why Paul says 2:16-23, especially vv. 20 & 23?

III What's the solution, how do we fend off Satan's attacks through man's philosophy and wisdom?

- A. The Colossians already know the solution: 1:4, 6 (continue walking w/Christ)
- B. Paul wants them to continue in the solution: 1:9-10
- C. Paul gives them an Amen! for continuing in the solution: 2:5 and again in 2:6-7 (cf. 2:19—hold fast to Christ, the genuine article)
- D. In light of this, the Colossians should behave like the *attached-at-the-hip-to-Christ* believers that they are: 3:1-4:1

IV Conclusion

Should we take advice from *Oprah*? The answer is to always compare the advice to God's Word. If it comes from His Word or conforms to it, then the advice is sound. If it does not, then it is simply man's wisdom, which is useless: Colossians 2:23.