

Series: "TXT"
Part 1: "INSPIRATION and AUTHORITY"
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The sermon in a sentence....

- **The Bible is from _____ and commands _____ from _____**

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁸ For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Timothy 5:18 (NIV)

Definition of Inspiration:

- "That supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit on the Scripture writers which rendered their writings an accurate record of the revelation or which resulted in what they wrote actually being the Word of God."
– Millard Erickson

Verbal Plenary Inspiration:

- ✓ "All" = Plenary
- ✓ "Scripture" = Verbal
- ✓ "God-breathed" = Inspiration

Because the Bible is inspired.....

- **We can be certain that we have _____ instruction!**

Definition of Authority:

- "The authority of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God." – Wayne Grudem

—and Scripture cannot be set aside— John 10:35b (NIV)

Components of Authority....

- **Objective word: the _____**

¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17 (NIV)

- **Subjective word: the work of the _____**

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

Because the Bible is authoritative.....

- **We can be certain that we are expected to _____ God's _____ instruction!**

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)