

TAKING INVENTORY
"What we need to know about the *WORD*"
2 Timothy 3:14-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. In Paul's second letter to young Timothy, he emphasized the importance of the Word of God.

2. **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

3. **The Bible is a book from God.**

4. **2 Timothy 3:16**

a) "***All Scripture is breathed out (Inspired) by God...***"

1) God inspired men to write what He wanted said.

b) **2 Peter 3:16**

5. **Very Important** - God has given to us everything we need to know about godliness and Salvation in this Book.

6. **BIBLE DOCTRINE:** Doctrine means truth.

a) So the Bible is **INSPIRED**.

1) Which means God superintended it's writing.

b) The Bible is **INERRANT**.

1) Which means there are no errors in it.

c) The Bible is **INFALLIBLE**.

1) Which means it always tells the truth

d) The Bible is **AUTHORITATIVE**.

1) Which means it speaks for God.

e) The Bible is **PROFITABLE**.

1) Which means it will accomplish God's purposes in our lives.

7. We believe in the **Plenary, Verbal, Inspiration of Scripture**.

a) **Plenary Inspiration - 2 Timothy 3:16**

1) Means that every part of the 66 books of the Bible are the product of divine inspiration.

b) **Verbal Inspiration - Galatians 3:16**

1) Means that divine inspiration extends to every word of scripture.

8. **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

I. THE WORD IS PROFITABLE

A. TO MAKE YOU WISE

1. Vs 15

2. The Word (sacred writings) "*are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ*"

3. *Romans 10:17*

4. *1 Peter 1:23*

a) *2 Peter 1:4*

B. FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

1. Vs 16

a) "*for teaching*" - doctrine

1)

2. "*for teaching*" refers to the collective truth about God from His Word.

3. It should be a lifelong pursuit of every Christian to thoroughly know all the doctrines of the Christian faith, found in the Word.

C. FOR KNOWING WHAT IS NOT RIGHT

1. Vs 16

a) "*for reproof*" - the Word is good for correction

1) It is to deal with dangerous beliefs, conduct, and attitudes.

2. *1 Timothy 5:20*

3. That's what the Word does....it makes crooked paths straight.

4. *Galatians 2:11-21*

5. But God's Word exhorts and reproves and teaches us to EXHORT - REPROVE those who are off track and going away from God's desire for their life.

a) That's what **LOVE LOOKS LIKE**.

D. FOR HOW TO GET RIGHT

1. Vs 16

a) *"for correction"*

2. John 10:10

E. FOR HOW TO STAY RIGHT

1. Vs 16

a) *"and for training in righteousness"*

2. God's Word is the source to which we can always turn to guidance in the area of righteousness.

- a) We are saved by God's Word.
- b) We are taught by God's Word.
- c) We are reproved by God's Word.
- d) We are corrected by God's Word
- e) We are trained by God's Word

II. THE IMPACT OF THE WORD IN OUR LIVES (3 ways)

A. WE BECOME COMPLETE

1. Vs 17

a) *"complete"* - perfect

- 1) A word that describes bones and joints in the body connected together to be perfect.

2. Hebrews 13:20-21

B. FULLY EQUIPPED

1. Vs 17

a) *"equipped for every good work"*

2. Think of a loading a ship before a voyage.

- a) All the cargo needed is loaded and ready for every situation that might arise.

C. PREPARED FOR PRODUCTIVITY

1. Being COMPLETE and FULLY EQUIPPED definitely has a purpose!!
 - a) "Productivity" - good works
2. Vs 17
 - a) *"equipped for every good work"*
3. Ephesians 2:8-10
 - a) Vs 10
 - 1) *"For we are his workmanship"*
 - 2) *"created in Christ Jesus for good works"*
 - 3) *"which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*
4. Titus 3:8
5. Every Christian should be doing good works that glorify God. No exception!!!

III. THE WORD TELLS US THE ROLE OF GOOD WORKS

A. MEASURING UP TO A STANDARD

1. Employers should want to hire Christians!!!
2. Titus 1:16
 - a) Did you know that your works can disqualify your words.
3. 2 Timothy 3:17

B. SILENCES OUR ENEMIES

1. When Daniel's enemies tried find something to accuse him of before the king.
 - a) Well they couldn't
2. When the Bible equips us for every good work, our enemies will be silenced.

C. REVEALS OUR FAITH

1. Titus 2:14
 - a) "zealous" - active, devoted, diligent

D. THROUGH RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

1. *Titus 3:1 -2*

2. When we disobey our civil authorities, we are disobeying God.

E. TO MAINTAIN FRUITFULNESS

1. *Titus 3:14*

CONCLUSION:

1. When you meditate upon the Word:

a) Your life will be Profitable.

b) Your life will be Impactful

c) AND Your life will be Purposeful