

BE INFORMED
2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

❖ The Truth of Today:

- You must TRUST the Bible.

❖ Why Should I Trust the Bible?

1. It is INSPIRED.

All Scripture is inspired by God...

2 Timothy 3:16a (NLT)

- The Bible ORIGINATED from God.

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

- The Bible does NOT CONTRADICT itself.

❖ Themes Throughout the Bible:

- It tells us WHO God is.
- It tells us about God's love for HUMANITY.
- It tells us He is a LOVING and JUST God.

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:8 (NLT)

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

1 John 4:16 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

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Romans 3:26 (NLT)

- It is a USER manual.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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2. It is COMPLETE.

And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book.

Revelation 22:18 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved."

Matthew 5:18 (NLT)

3. It is still APPLICABLE today.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 1:22 (NLT)

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:25 (NLT)

- RCA:

- R = READ.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

- C = CONSIDER.

I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

Psalms 119:15-16 (NLT)

- A = APPLY.

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James 1:22 (NLT)

- The Bible is a WEAPON.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NASB)

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NLT)

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (NLT)

- ❖ Have a life VERSE for your life ISSUE.