

I'm in the Word Everyday

This month we're talking about day to day living where we are inviting the Spirit's lead into our life and surrendering to His instruction through the Word. Our aim is to become more like Jesus. Last week we were in Romans 12.1-2 and looking at how God is at work transforming us everyday as we resist the pressure the world places upon us to conform. Today, we'll be in 2 Timothy 3.10-17 and discuss the role of the word of God in our sanctification. It is a vital tool for our transformation ... we will not be changed without it.

I. 2 Timothy 3.10-14a - Understanding the Context

- A. 3.10-11 - Paul reminds Timothy about all his sufferings for Christ and how he was continually rescued ... over and over again.
- B. 3.12 - Here's a general statement about persecution.
- C. 3.13 - Don't go the route of *evil people* and *imposters*.
- D. 3.14 - *continue in what you have learned and firmly believed*. What's that?
 1. 3.14b-15a - *the Scriptures*.

II. 2 Timothy 3.14b-15 - Two Reasons Why We are in the Word

- A. 3.14b-15a - The Integrity of Our Teachers
 1. 3.14b-15a: *You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, ...*
 2. Timothy's mother and grandmother: *Eunice and Lois*, 2 Timothy 1.5.
- B. 3.15b - The Effect of the Word
 1. 3.15b - *the sacred scriptures ... are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus*.
 2. Scripture leads us to salvation. See John 5.24.
 3. There is no salvation from condemnation apart from faith in Jesus Christ, Acts 4.12

III. 3.16-17 - Why the Scriptures Have Power

- A. 3.16a - The Scriptures are Inspired by God. They are "God breathed."
 1. 2 Peter 1.20-21 - The words the apostles/prophets wrote are his words ...
 2. Psalm 119.89 - *Lord, your word is forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven*.
- B. 3.16b - The Scriptures Provide us with Doctrine
 1. 3.16b - "teaching" is the positive side. *All scripture* is useful for teaching.
 2. 3.16c - "rebuking" is the negative side. The word means "to confront someone with a view toward convicting them of misbehavior."
 3. Hebrews 4.12 - the word slices like a sword that cuts. It cuts deeply.
- C. 3.16d-e - The Scriptures Impact Our Behavior
 1. "correcting" - to straighten out. "to stand straight," "to set up again,"
 - a) This carries the idea of setting right, revision, or making improvement.
 2. "training" The word nurtures, raises, and grows you up in Christ.
 3. righteousness.
- D. 3.17 - This Makes us Complete

IV. As We Close: *Do you know Him?*