

My Directions - My source of knowledge as a disciple of Christ

Review:

My Foundation – Having a personal relationship with God

My Decision - Counting the cost of following Christ

My Identity – My View vs. God's View

My Mindset – Do I have the right focus?



*What was the last thing you bought/were given and read the complete directions for?

Evidence that the Bible is God's message to us

1. Continuity – 2 Timothy 3:16 - God inspired men to write His message.

- The Bible is a collection of 66 books, written by 40+ authors from all walks of life, living on three different continents. It was written over a period of about 1,500 years, using 3 different languages, and yet the message of the Bible is complete and unified.

2. Prophecy – 2 Peter 1:20–21

- The Bible contains hundreds of detailed prophecies relating to the future of various nations, certain cities, and all mankind. (Gotquestions.org)

- More than 300 prophecies concerning Jesus alone have been fulfilled (list in Resources on the CBF Syracuse app)

3. Archeology – Mark 13:31

- Hundreds of archeological findings are confirming the historical accuracy of the Bible.

* King David confirmed (Tel Dan inscription – 1993)

* Pool of Siloam (Jerusalem – 2004)

* Dead Sea Scrolls – (north shore of the Dead Sea – 1947)

4. Relevancy – 2 Timothy 3:15-17

- Though the Bible was written in ancient times, God’s message to us still impacts lives today!
- *Salvation* (v.15) – God has made it clear how we can have a relationship with Him
- V. 16 summarizes how the Bible teaches us to follow Christ:
 - * *Teaching* – how God designed us to live
 - * *Reproof* – shows us where we fall short of His design
 - * *Correction* – direction for returning to how we are designed to live
 - * *Training in Righteousness* – direction for not straying from His ways

The Challenge:

- A. The Bible is God’s message to us! It teaches us about Him, teaches us how He has designed us to live and how to do it. It all starts with having a relationship with God.
- B. Do you have a relationship with God? Are you reading and learning what God teaches in the Bible?
- C. James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”