

OUR ESSENTIALS: Bible-Dependent Truth 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Values are the shared convictions that *guide* our actions and *enhance* our mission.

Values are *checkpoints* for decision-making which shapes our culture.

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man.

The Bible is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy.

The Bible reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation. *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book." - Abraham Lincoln

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." - George Washington

"The Bible is the book of my life. It's the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by." - N. T. Wright

"Put your nose into the Bible everyday. It is your spiritual food. And then share it. Make a vow not to be a lukewarm Christian." - Kirk Cameron

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Two great things happen when the Bible is read and studied consistently.

Wisdom
Preparation

Authentic TRUTH

- 1. Accounts of Eyewitnesses
- 2. Authorship
- 3. Accuracy

The Authoritative TRUTH

"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. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16 &17 NLT

- The scripture points us to the Authoritative Person of Truth.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:18

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life . . . " John 14:6

And to the authoritative WAY of truth.

- Application of TRUTH to Life -

Life Application Sermon Guide

- 1. Read Psalm 119:105 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- 2. In what ways has the Bible helped you connect with God's purpose for your life? His plan for the world?
- 3. What passages of the Bible are the most meaningful to you?
- 4. Read Psalm 119:11
- 5. Have you memorized any scripture passages?
- 6. Which translation of the Bible do you use most often? Are you familiar with the New Living Translation?
- 7. Do you read and study the Bible as often as you would like? Why not? What benefit would you experience if you spent more time reading, studying and even meditating and memorizing the Scriptures? Is there any reason why you wouldn't set a new priority?
- 8. Reading and studying the Bible together with others (spouse, family, friends) can be a source of great spiritual strength and growth. If you are not active in a Life Group consider joining one today! If you are committed in a group, how has your participation helped you respond to God's word?

Verses to Remember: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Point to Ponder: The Bible is God's presentation of His truth for your life and the world!

Put Into Practice: Reading and Studying the Bible with others regularly

Website to Visit: <u>https://bit.ly/FBG_Bible-DependentTruth</u>

Playlist: Thy Word https://youtu.be/a6LC8cu03Ig Word of God Speak https://youtu.be/ 4JK_6osCH74