

# “Discovering the Word That Is Worth Living”

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**2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NIV)** “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

## Introduction

We live in a time where people are searching for truth but are drowning in information. Opinions flood social media, philosophies come and go, and what is “true” today may be discarded tomorrow. But Paul reminds Timothy that there is one Word—God’s Word—that is unchanging, life-giving, and worth living.

The Bible is not just another book. It is the living Word of God, breathed out by Him, pointing us to Christ, and equipping us for life. Today, we will discover why this Word is truly worth living.

## 1. The Word Leads Us to Salvation (vv. 14–15)

Paul tells Timothy: *“the Holy Scriptures ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

- Scripture points us to Jesus—the living Word. Every page leads us to the cross and the empty tomb.
- The Bible’s purpose is not simply to inform, but to transform. It teaches us how to be saved and how to walk in faith.

## Cross References:

- John 5:39 — “These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.”
- Romans 10:17 — “Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”

**Application:** If you want to discover a Word worth living, begin with salvation in Christ. The Bible is the map that leads us home.

## **2. The Word Shapes Our Character (v. 16)**

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

- **Teaching** — shows us what is right.
- **Rebuking** — shows us what is wrong.
- **Correcting** — shows us how to get right.
- **Training** — shows us how to stay right.

### **Cross References:**

- Psalm 119:11 — “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”
- James 1:23–24 — “Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and ... immediately forgets what he looks like.”

**Application:** Are you letting the Bible shape your choices, your character, and your convictions? A Word worth living must be a Word that transforms us daily.

## **3. The Word Equips Us for Service (v. 17)**

“... so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

- The Bible doesn’t just prepare us for heaven—it equips us for life on earth.
- God’s Word gives wisdom for parenting, strength for trials, guidance in decisions, and courage to serve.

### Cross References:

- Joshua 1:8 — “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night ... then you will be prosperous and successful.”
- Hebrews 4:12 — “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword ... it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

**Application:** If you want to live a life of impact, let the Word equip you. The Bible isn’t just for knowledge—it’s for mission.

### Conclusion

The world is filled with words that fade. But there is one Word worth living—**the God-breathed Scriptures that lead us to Christ, shape our character, and equip us for service.**

- If you are searching for direction—turn to the Word.
- If you are longing for transformation—let the Word dwell in you.
- If you are ready to serve—let the Word equip you.

**Matthew 4:4 (NIV):** “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

**Final Challenge:** Will you make the Bible central in your life—not just a book on the shelf, but the Word that you live by? In discovering this Word, you discover life itself.