

CONTINUING IN GOD'S WORD FOR COMPLETE EQUIPPING (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

A. The PRESCRIPTION of Holding Fast to God's Word (3:14)

1. The _____ activity prescribed to Timothy and all believers is to _____ (*menō*) holding fast in these last days despite false teachers and teaching. (2:3, 10; 4:5; John 8:31-32; 15:1-6)
2. The _____ of what we must hold fast to consists of the things we've previously _____ and _____ (*pistoomai*).
3. The _____ of the things Timothy learned included _____ (2:10-11), his _____ Eunice and _____ Lois (1:5; 3:15), and ultimately _____. (2:7; John 3:27; 1 Cor. 4:7)

- *How does this apply to us as believers today? (Prov. 4:1-6; 22:6; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:2)*

B. The POWER of God's Word in Holding Fast (3:15)

1. The Bible is a _____ of books that is _____.
 - *Which books were included in the canon of Scripture at this point?*
2. The Holy Scriptures are able (*dynamai*) or _____ to give you _____ that leads to salvation.
 - *What salvation does this include? (2:4-5, 26; 4:10; 1 Tim. 4:16)*
 - *What is the instrumental means of salvation? (1:5, 13)*
 - *Who is the object of our faith and the focus of Scripture? (1:1; 2:12; 4:1, 22; John 5:39; Col. 3:16)*

C. The PROFITABILITY of Holding Fast to God's Word (3:16)

1. Scripture declares itself to be _____ by God (*theopneustos*), which refers to the superintending work of the _____ (2 Peter 1:20-21) exercised on the _____ to ensure that the Bible is an _____ record of God's truth.

- *In what sense is the Bible inspired and to what extent? (Matt. 5:17-18)*

2. Scripture is profitable to the man or woman of God for . . .

a) doctrine (*didaskalia*) – _____.

b) reproof (*elegmos*) – _____.

c) correction (*epanorthōsis*) – _____.

d) instruction (*paideia*) – _____ in righteousness.

- *What does all this necessitate on your part as a believer? (Prov. 6:23; 1 Cor. 8:2)*

D. The PURPOSE of Holding Fast to God's Word (3:17)

1. The word _____ (*hina*) states the reason or purpose for God giving believers the inspired Scriptures, namely, our complete _____ (*artios, exartizō*) for every _____.

- *How does this compare with hyper-grace teaching today?*

2. According to verses 15-17, the Bible is _____ as the infallible rule of faith for the church since it contains all that is necessary to believe for salvation and to completely and thoroughly equip believers for _____ (*pan*) good work in the Christian life.

- *How is this truth being denied in our day?*

- *What can you conclude from all this about the Bible & how should you respond in these last days?*