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2 Timothy 3:12-17

which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man (people) of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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Verse Breakdown 12-13

- (Vs 12) The hardships of the world are realized in the Christian, as they represent a God that the world rejects and recognize that this world is not their home.
- (Vs 13) Those who reject Jesus outright or twist him into something man-made will also experience hardships, yet will not know how to handle or respond to them.

[12] Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Hardships are universal to all people. What separates the Christian from the nonchristian is clarity God provides in the hardships.

Verse Breakdown 14-15

- (Vs. 14) God provides clarity in the hardships through his Word and the promises it speaks of.
- (Vs. 15) God is present through his Word because the Word is wholly and entirely pointed towards Jesus.

[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.

God provides clarity through His Scripture because His Scripture point us towards Jesus, the model for both our life and the author of our salvation.

Verse Breakdown 16

- Breathed Out: Scripture Alone holds authority over all other knowledge in the following areas.
- Teaching: Scripture alone teaches us Who God Is that we might increase in knowledge of him.
- Reproof and Correction: Scripture alone provides reproof and correction to us based on Who We Are that we might increase in wisdom in living life.
- Training in Righteousness: Scripture alone trains us in righteousness as a response to how God has chosen to relate to Us.

[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Scripture Alone has authority in revealing who God is, who we are, and how God has chosen to relate to us.

Verse Breakdown 17

- (Vs. 17a): Because scripture provides clarity on the three most important topics we as humans struggle with, we can find completeness and satisfaction in it.
- (Vs. 17b): Scripture equips us to respond to the hardships of this world with God's Good, not the worlds evil.

[17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

You will not find a path forward in your hardships outside of Scripture, for Scripture alone speaks of the ultimate answer to your hardships; Jesus Christ and the life He purchased for us.

A Guide to Bible Study

The PICS Principle Everyday Dwelling

- PLANNING: Find a daily plan or prepare for daily study ahead of time so that each day has a pre-determined reading attached to it.
- ISOLATION: Set aside a private time and a private place for your daily study. Turn off your phone and devote the time fully to God.
- CONSISTENCY: Be in the Word everyday.
- SUBSTANCE: Read at least a chapter a day, keeping in mind previous readings for context. Concentrate, re-reading if you have to.

The SOAP Method Diving Deeper

- SCRIPTURE: Write down the section of Scripture you'll be studying.
- OBSERVATION: Examine the text and write down what you notice.
 - What does this tell me about Who God Is?
 - What does this tell me about Who I (Humanity) Am?
 - What does this tell me about How God has responded to Humanity.
- APPLICATION: Practically apply your observations to your life either as actions or general knowledge.
- PRAYER: Respond to God's Word with your own words.

