

## Sermon study 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4 "Sufficient"

*Use this outline as a guide. You can talk about it a different way if you like but whatever you do make sure the depth of this study is depth of APPLICATION. Do not make it your goal to get sidetracked determining the meaning. The goal is to move forward from the message into actual real life and specific application. Be creative and follow up about application. Imagine a church where the people actually applied what they learned. Wow.*

### **The problem this sermon addresses**

Name all the places you have seen Bible verses written in your life.

Read this article (its really good) and discuss: <http://www.modernreformation.org/default.php?page=articledisplay&var2=1110>

Do you agree with the problem it expresses?

What is your experience with biblical illiteracy?

Even though our land is filled with churches and professed bible believing Christians there are only a handful an insignificant handful of fairly well informed students of the Bible. We have Scripture in every type of format, accessible in every time and place yet we still do not know it. We have more time. We have more education. We have more access. And we have more tools to help yet we CHOOSE not to know this book.

Biblical illiteracy is a choice.

What have you chosen?

### **CPT:**

You know the Word. That It is sufficient and profitable. So Preach it.

### **Main Idea:**

**The Word of God is sufficient. It is the final and infallible authority for Christians in all matters of faith and practice...Assuming they know it.**

#### I. Illumination (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

A. Paul reminds Timothy that he has come to know the Word of God. God has illuminated His truth to him Timothy through Scripture.

1. Read Luke 24:13-45. What was the means Jesus used as He stood there in the flesh to reveal Himself to His people?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. Whose work is illumination?

3. Read the following article and discuss: <http://www.gotquestions.org/biblical-illumination.html>

#### II. Inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

A. Paul goes on to remind Timothy that Scripture is sufficient and profitable being literally God breathed.

1. Scripture is God breathed - it is alive. Read Hebrews 4:12-13. What might that mean in our life?
2. Read Genesis 2:7. We are God breathed. So is Scripture. Wow!
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 and 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:2. What value did Paul place on his words? Whose words were they really?
4. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. Who is the ultimate author of Scripture? How? (get your answer from the text)
5. Read 2 Peter 3:16. Were Paul's writings considered Scripture?
6. Go to: [http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/resources\\_papers.php](http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/resources_papers.php) and click on the link to the paper I wrote called all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God. It is short. Read and discuss.

### III. Revelation (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

A. Paul exhorts timothy to preach the Word that Timothy has learned, the Word that Timothy knows is sufficient and profitable for all matters of faith and practice. This warning comes because in a culture that will throw out sound teaching it is the ONLY special and specific revelation of Christ.

1. Read Romans 10:8-13. Why do we need to preach the Word?
2. Read Jeremiah 2:1-13. How might this illustrate the biblically illiterate church today?

We have addressed by and large the doctrine called sola scriptura. Read the following article and discuss: <http://www.gotquestions.org/sola-scriptura.html>

Finally, in terms of application I know you will be wanting to figure out how to become more biblically literate. The following article had blessed me over the years and I find myself reading it repeatedly each year as I plan my year of reading. Please read and discuss:

[http://www.kjv-asia.com/read\\_your\\_bible\\_.htm](http://www.kjv-asia.com/read_your_bible_.htm)

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