

# **Use, Authority and Value of Scripture**

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### **I. Introduction.**

- A. In order to be motivated to use the Bible, we must be convinced of its authority and value.
- B. In order to be able to use the Bible, we must know it.

### **II. Use of the Scriptures.**

- A. The primary concern is the use of the Scriptures and not the knowledge of it. (Hebrews 5)
- B. The use of the Scriptures leads to maturity. (Joshua 1:8)
- C. God will manifest himself to you when you use the Scriptures. (John 14:21; Matthew 7:24)
- D. God is looking for a certain heart attitude toward his Word. (Isaiah 66:1-2; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Acts 13:22)
- E. Obedience is practical. (1 Kings 8:61; 2 Chronicles 15:9)

### **III. In order to be motivated to use the Bible, we must be convinced of its authority and value.**

A. The source of the Scriptures is God himself, which gives them authority. Our response should be...

- 1. Accept it by faith.
- 2. Obey it. (John 7:17)
- 3. Use it as the sword of the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:17)

B. The value of the Scriptures has to do with the personal benefit to you in your ministry. (2 Timothy 3:6; John 17:17)

- 1. It develops faith. (Romans 10:17)
- 2. It strengthens us. (Acts 20:32)
- 3. It cleanses us. (John 15:3)
- 4. It aids us in victory over sin. (Psalm 119:11)
- 5. It is a guide. (Psalm 119:105)
- 6. It searches the motives of our hearts. (Hebrews 4:12)
- 7. It brings joy. (Jeremiah 15:16)
- 8. It produces peace. (Psalm 119:165)
- 9. It is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and righteousness. The Scriptures enable us to do anything God asks us to do. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:30)

**Application questions:**

1. How would you defend the authority of the Bible?

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2. What benefits from Scripture have you experienced personally?

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3. What is your plan for mastering the Scriptures over your lifetime? If you don't have one, develop an outline below.

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