

The Word

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I. Introduction.

A. Motivation begins with the Bible.

B. The Scriptures encourage us to stand on the promises of God.

II. What the inspiration of the Scriptures mean practically. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

A. Authority.

B. Authenticity.

III. The results of the inspiration of the Bible is spiritual maturity and the ability to do God's good works. (2 Timothy 16:17)

IV. The Bible's authority.

A. It came from God.

B. It demands authority and must be taken seriously. (John 17:17)

C. What is true is in the Bible because it is true.

D. Our response to the authority of Scripture.

1. We must accept it by faith.

2. We must obey it. (John 7:17)

3. We need to use it.

V. The Bible's value.

A. It is profitable for our faith, strength, cleansing, giving us victory, giving us guidance, searching our hearts, giving us joy and giving us peace. (2 Timothy 3:16, Romans 10:17, Acts 20:32, John 15:3, Psalm 119:11, Hebrews 4:12, Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:165)

B. Psalm 119 is valuable for studying the Word of God.

C. The Bible is profitable for doctrine, which are the truths we should know.

D. The Bible is profitable for good works, which is anything God asks us to do.

VI. God will strengthen us to study the Bible and memorize Scripture. (Philippians 4:6)

Application questions:

1. What is the inspiration of Scripture? How would you explain its practical value?

2. What does the Word of God do for us?

3. What does it look like when the Bible prepares a person for good works? How can it prepare you?
