

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is God Breathed and is useful for teaching, reprimanding, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Think of that! God has breathed His breath into the precious Word of God. Have you ever felt like God has quit speaking? Paul is writing to his son in the faith and sharing the things that are important to Timothy's spiritual growth and maturity. As we read the words in today's Scripture, it should cause us to feel a sense of awe. The very Word of God has been given for our benefit. Paul instructs Timothy that this supernatural Word of God has specific value:

- It is useful for teaching
- It is useful for rebuking
- It is useful for correcting
- It is useful for training in righteousness

These four purposes of the Word of God should always be in our mind while we are reading. They may even stir questions within yourself, such as: What is this passage teaching? Am I one of those that needs to be reprimanded for things I am doing, or am I to do the reprimanding? The Bible was faithfully recorded by inspired men from all walks of life, who lived across three continents, and compiled the texts over a period of fifteen hundred years.

God spoke then through Scripture, and He is still speaking through it now. When we neglect to meet God in the words He preserved for us, we lose our bearing in life and He seems distant. However, the wonderful truth is that God hasn't moved, and He is still speaking to us through the Bible. In what way does the Word of God correct human thinking and reasoning? What discipline is appropriate to achieve righteousness?

Remember; it's not just a book with worn-out phrases, rather, it's a treasure house of truth that's living and active. The Bible is a fountain of living water and is intended to be our prime source of strength. Walk with God today. Trust Him completely and be a blessing.

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Paul was thankful for...

A Church that recognizes God's Word.

A Church that internalizes God's Word.

A Church that proclaims God's Word.