

The Word of God

This study establishes the Bible as the inspired Word of God and that it must be the standard for our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- All Scripture is inspired by God.
 - (For additional study on this point, see: Psalm 22:16-18, John 19:23-24, and 2 Peter 1:20-21.)
- *What is the Bible useful for?*

Hebrews 4:12-13

- *How is the Bible living & active?* It is relevant to us today.
- The Word cuts (hurts) - compare it to a scalpel. It judges our thoughts & attitudes.
- It is good to be "cut" by the Word because it cuts the "cancer" (sin) out.

John 8:31-32

- Everyone must hold to Jesus' teachings (put them into practice) to be a true disciple of Jesus.
- Only then can the truth of God's Word set us free.
- Intellectual belief is not enough - nor can we go only by our feelings.

Mark 7:1-8

- We must be careful to distinguish between God's commands and the religious traditions of men.
 - God's commands are from God's Word
 - Religious traditions can be simply rules taught by men
- Our loyalty needs to be to the Word of God, not to the traditions of men.
- (Vs. 7) Worship in vain means it is unacceptable to God.
 - (Vs. 6-8) *Why do you think Jesus calls following the rules of men instead of God's commands "hypocrisy"?* (We say we're following God, but we're really following men.)

1 Timothy 4:16

- Watch your life and doctrine closely.
 - Life = how you live
 - Doctrine = what you believe
- *Which is more important – life or doctrine?* (Both. Like the two wings of an airplane. Verse 16 says they are equally important to our salvation.)

Acts 17:10-12

- *What was noble about the Bereans?*
 - They were eager and examined the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.
 - Noble character is to read the Bible daily so you can know what is true and what is not.
 - Regular and deep Bible study is the only way you can keep from being misled spiritually.

John 12:48

- Jesus' words (as found in the Bible) will be the standard on Judgment Day.
- **Challenge:** Read the Bible daily and make the Bible your standard in life.