

“The Bible” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Good morning church I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas time with your family. As we approach 2021, I want to remind you that we are going to **read the bible chronologically together**. You can find the **plan we are using on our Facebook page and website**.

It is so important that we read God’s Word.

Jerry Vines said it well...

"An unread Bible is like food uneaten, a love letter never read, a buried sword, a road map unstudied, gold never mined."¹

To help us get the most out of our bible next year I am preaching from...

2 Timothy 3:16–17

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1. The Bible is God’s Word

A. Inspired

- The word Paul used “inspiration from God” means literally **“God-Breathed”** or “breathed out by God” the Bible is **divinely written!**

¹ Vines, Jerry, A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation, p.69

- God used **human authors without taking away from their individual personalities and styles** to give us the Bible.

2 Peter 1:20-21

"Knowing this first that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Peter says **three things** about inspiration:

1. Bible is **not given by man's own interpretation** (will of man)
2. Bible is written **by holy men but that's not what makes it holy**
3. Bible is written by holy men "**carried along**" by the Holy Spirit (**Superintended = overseen**)

B. Inerrant

- The Bible is **without error**. Since the Bible is the product of God and not man it therefore makes it accurate trustworthy.

C. Authoritative

- Trusted, Accurate, Reliable

2. The Bible is Sufficient

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Paul uses the word “**profitable**” meaning that God’s word is **beneficial or productive**.

Profitable for...

- a. **Teaching** = refers to doctrine
- b. **Reproof** = conviction
- c. **Correction** = setting right
- d. **Instruction** = discipline

3. The Bible Equips Believers for Service

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Equips = makes one **ready for service**.

John MacArthur says...

The Word of God makes you complete, capable, and proficient in everything you are called to be or do²

Conclusion:

Now let me give you some **practical application** as you read and study the bible in 2021...

²MacArthur, J. (1996, c1995). *2 Timothy* (161). Chicago, Ill.: Moody Press.

Bible Study Methods...

- **Observation – What does the text say?**
 - Key words and phrases
 - Ask: who, what, when, where, why
 - What do you see?
- **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
 - What does the text say?
 - Context, Context, Context
- **Application – How do I respond?**
 - Actionable
 - Specific
 - Timely

J. Robertson McQuilkin said...

"The goal of all Bible study is to apply the truth of Scripture to life. If that application is not made, all the work put into making sure of the author's intended meaning will have gone for naught. In fact, to know and not do, doubles the offense of disobedience"³

As we put these biblical principles into practice let's remember...

- **Know it in your head**
- **Stow it in your heart**
- **Show it in your life**
- **Sow it in the world**

³ McQuilkin, Robertson, J., Understanding and Applying the Bible, p.255