



Grace Notes

Guides for Personal Bible Study

You Can Trust the Scripture

2 Timothy 3:10-17: You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Points to Ponder

- All of Scripture, not just part, is “God-breathed.” What does this say about how we read what it says?
- God directed the very words of Scripture. How does this give us confidence as we share what it says with others?
- **Read 2 Timothy 3:15.** Was Paul serious about saying “from infancy?” Really? Can babies have faith?
- Google “William Tyndale” and read the heroic story of the first man to translate the Bible from its original Greek and Hebrew into the English language of his day.
- We all need mentors and role models. Paul did not hesitate to cite his positive example to build Timothy’s confidence. Who can you be a spiritual role model to?

The Bottom Line

The written Scripture provides unique and irreplaceable benefits to us. It has authority—Scripture is God’s last word and trumps all human reason, tradition, and hierarchies. It has power—Scripture is able to make us wise for salvation. It shows us our sin and then shows us the Savior from that sin. It provides guidance—Scripture provides wisdom to help us live our lives and carry out our ministries for God’s glory.

You can dig deeper into your Bible by reading more about these truths from the lesson:

- **God’s Word Is Truth!** Psalm 119:160; John 8:32; John 14:6; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 2:15
- **God Speaks to Us!** Proverbs 4:20-22; John 6:63; John 12:48; John 14:10; John 16:13; Hebrews 1:1,2
- **God’s Wisdom!** Job 12:13; Luke 21:15; 2 Timothy 2:7; James 1:5; James 3:17
- **God Guides Us!** Psalm 32:8; Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5,6; Romans 1:19; 1 John 5:20