

**The Value of THE BOOK Of All Books
II Timothy 3:16-17
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V. 16, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

V. 17, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The word, "Scripture" means the "Bible."

At the very least, II Timothy 3:16-17 teaches us the following four truths about the Bible.

- 1. Where The Bible Came From**
- 2. What The Bible Is Good For**
- 3. Who The Bible Is Intended For**
- 4. Why The Bible Is Intended For Him**

- 1. Where the Bible Came About**

"All Scripture is God-breathed . . ."

II Pet. 1:21-22, "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Many passages in the Bible affirm to us that God spoke the words of the Bible to holy men who spoke it to their generation and God saw to it that it was written down and preserved!

Ex. 20:1, "And God spoke all these words."

II Sam. 23:2, "These are the last words of David: 'The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me . . .'"

Jer. 1:2, 4, "The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah . . ." "The word of the LORD came to me."

Mal. 4:4, "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel."

Matt. 1:22, "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet."

Matt. 2:5, "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written."

Matt. 2:15, "And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet."

Lk. 24:44, "Jesus said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'"

Jn. 5:39, "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me."

Jn. 10:34-35, "It is written in your law . . . and the Scripture cannot be broken."

Acts 1:16, "Peter said, 'Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David . . .'"

Acts 7:38, "Moses was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mt. Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us."

Rom. 1:2, "The gospel God promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures . . ."

Rom. 3:2, What advantage is there in being a Jew? Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God."

Rom. 15:4, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

I Thess. 2:13, "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

Heb. 1:1, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways."

2. What The Bible Is Good For

According to II Tim. 3:16-17, the Holy Bible is good for 4 things:

A.) It is useful for teaching.

B.) It is useful for rebuking.

C.) It is useful for correcting.

D.) It is useful for training in righteousness.

One man said this, "Every Christian must be disciplined, so that he may prosper in the sphere where God's holy law is considered normative."

3. Who The Bible Is Intended For

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One man said, "The Christian minister has in his hands a God-given instrument designed to equip him completely for his work."

4. Why The Bible Is Intended For Him