

Christian Basics: The Bible: God's Word

Lesson 5

Virtual Guidance

- The Bible, God's Holy Word, is at (or should be) the core of every word, thought, deed and action of our lives
 - ([2 Timothy 3:15](#)) *You however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced in knowing from whom you have learned them and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*
- God inspired means that God initiated and oversaw its writing.
- It's inerrant means it is without errors in the form God delivered it to man.
- It is infallible means it always tells the truth.
- It is authoritative means that it speaks for God himself.
- It is profitable means that it will accomplish in our lives what it says; it will bear fruit in the lives of those who embrace the Word of God.

The Bible Is Profitable For

- Evangelizing
 - The Bible is the source for all we know about salvation
 - The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to convict us of our need salvation through Christ
 - The gospel of Jesus Christ is found nowhere except in the Scripture
 - The Bible is the book that explains why we need to be saved and how to be saved. It alone has the words of eternal life.
- Education
 - The Greek word for doctrine is connected to the Greek word for “teach”
 - The Bible contains the collective truth about God from His Word that we systematically teach others.
 - It should be the lifelong pursuit of every Christian to thoroughly know all the doctrines of the Christian faith as presented by the Word of God.
 - Too many Christians learn enough to be saved and never go deeper.
- Exhortation
 - Reproof is the word in [Vs 16](#) that means exhortation. This means dealing with dangerous beliefs, conducts, and attitudes ([1 Timothy 5:20](#))
 - We live in a day and culture in which tolerance is the highest virtue. No one is supposed to have an opinion about what anyone else does, much less express that opinion.
 - But the Bible is different. It exhorts and reproofs and teaches us to exhort and reprove those who are going astray from God’s best for their life.
 - Reproof doesn’t mean being critical, negative, or pessimistic with people. But it does mean being honest and loving about what God says about what is best for our lives.
 - When we ignore or shut down the warnings of the Word of God, we likewise are headed for disaster.

The Bible Is Profitable For (2)

- Encouragement
 - Similar to reproof is “correction”
 - Encouraging those who have gotten off the path to the abundant life to get back on it.
 - The Bible does this by showing us what God’s path is.
- Enablement
 - Enabling is what is called “instructions in righteousness”
 - Scripture is the source to which we can always turn for instruction in righteousness, guidance on how to live a life pleasing to God.
 - We are saved by the truth in God’s word.
 - We are given instructions to grow spiritually by God’s Word
 - We are reprovved when we err by God’s Word
 - We are put back on the straight and narrow by God’s Word
- At every stage of our spiritual life, the Bible is utterly indispensable -- from the time we are non-Christians to the time our earthly life is over. We cannot live without the Bible.

The Results Of The Bible In Our Lives ...

- We become Spiritually Proficient
 - The impact of the Word of God in our life is that we become whole, or complete, perfectly put together in a spiritual sense.
 - Nothing will be missing as far as what we need to fulfill God's purpose for our life and our ability to walk uprightly before Him (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- We become Spiritually Prepared
 - Not only does the Bible make us complete, it makes us "thoroughly" equipped
 - The image is one of loading all the provisions needed for an ocean voyage onto the ship before it leaves port. It is thoroughly equipped when it sails.
- We become Spiritually Productive
 - Being proficient and prepared definitely has a purpose: Good Works ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#))

Good Works

- Our Good Works demonstrate our walk
 - The way we work in society, treat our family, friends, church members, and all peoples must coincide with our profession of faith ([Titus 1:16](#))
- Our Good Works defeat our enemies
 - When the Bible equips us for every good work, our enemies will be silenced. They will have nothing to accuse us of. They may accuse you of being a Christian, but not of doing anything wrong. Our enemies will be defeated by our good works.
- Our Good Works display our faith ([Titus 2:14](#))
 - Christ died to redeem us from lawless and worthless works so we might become a people zealous for good works.
 - We become zealous for good works for others when we become captivated by the “good work” Christ did for us.
 - Continual reading of the Word of God is how we keep Christ’s work of redemption in our hearts.
- Our Good Works describe our citizenship ([Titus 3:1-2](#))
 - We need to live a life of obedience to civil statutes of our authorities. ([Romans 13:1-7](#), [Acts 4:19](#), [5:29](#))
 - When we disobey our civil authorities, we are disobeying God. Keeping this truth in front of us by our reading the Word will cause our works to be good – that is, honoring and respectful of civil authorities.
- Our Good Works determine our effectiveness
 - The only way to be “fruitful” is to learn to “maintain good works.”
 - This means, learning to love your family, friends, church members, and all peoples you meet in a humble, Christ-like fashion.
 - If we want to be spiritually proficient, prepared, and productive, then we need to study and meditate upon the Word of God. That is why God inspired it and gave it to you – so you would live like His Son for all the world to see.