

**Vessel's Of Honor**  
**The Word of God**  
**2 Tim 3.15-17**

[It is an amazing thing that Almighty God seeks to reveal Himself to us. He did not have to reveal Himself to us. He does not need to reveal Himself to us. But He chose to reveal Himself to us. Why? Because He seeks to save that which was lost and to establish a real, vibrant, and vital relationship with us.]

[Just as Almighty God did not have to give us a free will, yet He did. He chooses to reveal Himself to us so that we can make a real choice. That choice is the pinnacle choice of our lives. There is no other choice nearly as important as this pivotal choice. What choice is that? It is to choose whether we will seek God, know God, love God, and surrender to God.]

[God will force no one to come to Him or surrender to Him. He instead gives us all a free will and then requires that we choose for ourselves. Not one person will be in heaven that did not consciously choose to be there by choosing the Lord Jesus Christ as their LORD and SAVIOR.]

[To make that choice clear Almighty God gave us The Word of God, The Holy Bible. The Inspired written Word of God is an unchanging, divinely preserved, eternal text that contains and presents the gospel message to all who will read it, understand it, and heed it. Almighty God wrote His Word, and divinely protects it, so that you and I have a sure word and testimony that we can fully trust. It is our lighthouse guiding us into the harbor of salvation and new life found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.]

[No one has been able to stamp out the Word of God. Not false religions, not wicked potentates, not the devil and his cohorts. The Word of God stands sure and eternal today. Bearing the same message it has carried for the last two thousand years in the New Testament and much longer in the Old Testament.]

[The question is, will you hear and heed the Word of God?]

[**Our text reveals,**]

**A. The Inspiration Of The Word Of God (vs 16)**

**1. The Author (vs 16) [*– All scripture is given . . .* ]**

[Notice first of all that **ALL** *Scripture is given by inspiration*. The revised version of the Bible (1885) turned the Bible on its head when they translated this phrase “*Every scripture inspired of God is . . .*” By simply changing the order of the words they completely change the meaning of this phrase in the Bible. Some, following this change, began to argue about which Bible verses were inspired and which were not. Praise God this corruption of the Word of God did not endure.]

[Folks, it is incredibly important for every born again Christian to know that “**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.**”

Every word, even every pen stroke is given by God.]

[While the Bible was penned by over forty different men on three different contents over a period of 1500 years **every word of the Bible was given to us by Almighty God.**]

[Hence, there is but one author of the Bible and that is God Himself. For this reason this Bible is called The Word of God.]

[You must get this settled in your heart and in your mind. Many in our world today attack the fact that this Bible was **given to us by God.** I hear it said regularly by nay Sayers, “The Bible was written by the hands of men.” In saying this they are attacking the authority of the Word of God by attacking the source of the Word of God.]

**[The Word of God was GIVEN TO US BY GOD. The Bible is the Word of God. God is the ONLY AUTHOR of the Bible.]**

2. **The Autonomy** (vs 16; 2 Pet 1.21; Deut 11.18; Jer 1.9; Deut 4.2; Rev 22.18-19) [– *All scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, . . .* – What is inspiration?]

2 Pet 1.21

**[Inspiration** – θεόπνευστος (Gk) – literally means **God Breathed** ]

[Now there are those who want to stress that while God breathed out the Word of God He did not **dictate** the Word of God. I whole heartedly disagree with them. For what does it mean to breath out words? It means to proclaim them or to say them out loud. Do you realize that without breath it is impossible to speak or utter a sound?]

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[2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were **moved** by the Holy Ghost.]

[**Moved** – φερόμενοι (Gk) - (II) To bear with the idea of motion, bear along or about, carry (Luke 23:26; Sept.: Is. 30:6). In the pass. *phéromai*, to be borne along, as in a ship before the wind, be driven (Acts 27:15, 17). Figuratively to be moved, incited (2 Pet. 1:21; Sept.: Job 17:1). In the mid. part., *pheroménes*, to bear oneself along, move along, rush as a wind (Acts 2:2). Figuratively to go on, advance in teaching (Heb. 6:1).<sup>1</sup>]

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[To be moved is a nautical term that speak of a ship that has lost its helm and is carried along by the winds and currents.]

Deut 11.18

[Hence, God, through inspiration breathed the Word of God into these penmen and they wrote exactly what God intended for them to write. God DID NOT give them a feeling and leave it up to them to interpret and write that feeling. No, God breathed out those Words and then moved those penmen to write exactly what God wanted them to write.]

[So that God calls the Bible, “My Words.”]

[Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these **my words** in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.]

Deut 4.2

[Jeremiah 1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, **I have put my words in thy mouth.**]

[This Bible, The Holy Word of God, belongs to God and what man or women would presume to change the Word of God. God says to these,]

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<sup>1</sup> Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, electronic ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

*[Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not **add unto the word** which I command you, neither shall ye **diminish ought from it**, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ]*

Rev 22.18

*[Revelation 22:18-19 <sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: <sup>19</sup> And if any man shall **take away from the words of the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.]*

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[My brothers and sisters in Christ, do not add to the Word of God, nor take away from the Word of God. Why? **Because this Bible was given by God and it belongs to God.** Treat your Bible as the precious thing that it is and approach it with a hungry, welcoming heart and mind.]

[Do you realize how precious it is to have a revelation from God? To hold in your hand something actually authored and claimed by God? People often long to hear from God and as they are longing and wondering why God won't talk to them they fail to realize that God has given them an love letter and a life letter written just for them; which is this precious Word of God.]

## B. **The Instruction Of The Word Of God (vs 16-17; 1 Pet 2.2)**

*[2 Timothy 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. ]*

1 Pet 2.2

[First notice that the Word of God is **Profitable**. This means that the Word of God is **Valuable, and Desirable**. The Bible says that the Word of God ought to be so precious to a Christian that they will hunger and thirst for it.]

*[1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:]*

[In 1 Peter 2.2 the Word of God is referred to as your milk, in other places is it referred to as the meat of the Word. The Word of God is your spiritual

nourishment. Christians young and old need to read their Bibles every day. If you don't get the milk and meat of the Word of God into your life every day you will soon become spiritually weak and sickly.]

[Notice also that 1 Peter 2.2 says that the Word of God will grow you.]

**[How does the Word of God grow you?]**

**[Our primary text says that the Word of God is good for,]**

1. **[Doctrine (vs 16; John 17.17) – Truth,** truth is the foundation of life. Doctrine is the teaching of truth. Pontius Pilate asked, **“What is truth?”** Many people today think that there is no such thing as **authoritative truth.** Our Lord Jesus Christ said,]

**[John 17:17 . . . thy word is truth.]**

[Christian, you don't have to guess about what truth is, the Word of God is absolute truth. The Word of God is truth you can base your life on. In your search for truth just open your Bible and trust what God says.]

2. **[Reproof (vs 16; Jude 1.23) –** Reproof is what you do for someone who is about to make a terrible mess of their lives. To reprove someone is to tell them when they are wrong.]

Jude 1.23

**[ReProof - ἐλεγμός, ου, ὁ *elegmos* correction, reproof; conviction; punishment\* The word has a variety of meanings in the LXX: conviction (of a sinner), blame, correction, chastisement, punishment. In 2 Tim 3:16 it appears between διδασκαλία and ἐπανόρθωσις, indicating the meaning *correction*. F. Büchsel, TDNT II, 473–76; H.-G. Link, DNTT II, 140–42. → ἐλέγχω 1, 4.<sup>2</sup>]**

**[The Idea of reproof reminds me of,]**

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<sup>2</sup> Horst Robert Balz and Gerhard Schneider, vol. 1, *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1990-), 427.

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*[Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. ]*

[The Word of God reproves us of our sinful ways. ]

3. [Correction (vs 16) - The Word of God will tell you how to get back on a good course or how to stay on a good course. The Word of God illuminates our path and helps us to see how to get on the right path, which is the path that glorifies God.]

Psalm 119.105

4. [Instruction in Righteousness (vs 16; Psalm 119.105,9,11) – This is daily direction. It is our only absolute, final authority concerning right and wrong.]

*[Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.]*

*[Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. ]*

*[Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. ]*

[Folks, the precious Word of God is good for you. You need to hunger and thirst for the Word of God. You need to welcome the Word of God into your life.]

- C. The **Infusion** Of The Word Of God (vs 17) [- *That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.* – The Word of God seeks to make you into a fully matured Christian. Fully usable, fully equipped, fully effective in our Lord’s Kingdom and Kingdom Work.]

[The Word of God will, ]

1. [Perfect You (vs 17) – *That the man of God may be perfect, . . . ]*

[Perfect – διαμαρτύρομαι (Gk) - from *diá* (1223), an intens., and *martúromai* (3143), to witness, bear witness. To bear witness, testify earnestly or repeatedly, or to charge as it were before witnesses, to

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affirm (Acts 20:23; Heb. 2:6). Attesting to facts and truths of redemption or the Word of the Lord, of Christ, the gospel, the kingdom of God (Acts 2:40; 8:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21, 24; 23:11; 28:23; 1 Thess. 4:6). To charge anyone, exhort earnestly (1 Thess. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:14; 4:1). Followed by *hína*, so that (Luke 16:28; 1 Tim. 5:21).<sup>3</sup>]

[The Greek word for “perfect” speaks of our complete witness through the Word of God. It speaks of the work that the Word of God will do in us and through us.]

[Get the Word of God into your life and it will work on you and eventually through you and out into the world. In other words the Word of God will have an undeniable affect upon you. An effect that the whole world will see pouring out of you.]

2. **[Prepare You (vs 17) - That the man of God may be perfect, *throughly furnished unto all good works.*** – Clearly this means that the Word of God will make you capable and usable in God’s Kingdom work.]

[The Bible has,]

- [One Problem – Sin]
- [One Villain – The Devil]
- [One Hero – The Lord Jesus Christ]
- [One Goal – The Glory of God]

[The Bible is a two edged sword. If it doesn't cut you to heal you then it will cut you to destroy you.]

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