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All Scripture Is Inspired

(II Ti 3:16-17)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on 3:16 that should have an impact on our lives.
 - a. Last week looked at Paul's first letter to Timothy.
 - i. **I Ti 3:16** "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory."¹
 - b. This week we are going to look at Paul's second letter to Timothy.
 - i. **II Ti 3:16** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"
3. Background on the text.
 - a. Paul starts (**3:1**) letting the Timothy know that difficulties in the last days are on the way.
 - i. Remember the "last days" is concerned, biblically, with the Christian dispensation.
 1. **Ac 2:16-17; He 1:1-2**
 - b. Paul then continues (**3:2-5**) to warn Timothy concerning those that will make it difficult and what actions concerning them is necessary.
 - i. Notice that this list of characteristics deals with the religious & non-religious in error.
 1. Timothy is told to "avoid such people" and thusly preach the same.
 - c. Paul continues (**3:6-9**) describing these people's visible actions.
 - i. Like with most if their "life/characteristics" are evil their actions will follow.
 1. Paul tells Timothy "their folly will be plain to all."
 - d. Paul then shifts (**3:10-13**) and contrasts Timothy's life to those whom he just mentioned.
 - i. Timothy was not evil but rather had followed Paul's example in teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions & sufferings.
 1. What an amazing complement!!!
 - e. Paul then concludes (**3:14-17**) by exhorting Timothy to continue in the Word of God.
 - i. These Scriptures, which Timothy had been acquainted with since childhood, should be used to help Timothy stay faithful, strong, and sound.
 1. After all it was Timothy's responsibility to be such as a preacher for the God.
 - a. **I Ti 4:16**
4. It is in this exhortation that we find our text today.
 - a. It is in our text Paul encourages Timothy to accept and apply the purpose of the Scriptures.
5. Let us now study what Timothy was to accept and apply.

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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I. All Scripture Is Given By Inspiration Of God

- A. Today people are striving their best to undermine Scripture
 - 1. There is a movement that has been going on a while that has a goal of making everyone think the Bible is little more than a “good book.”
 - 2. This movement which started by simply denying certain aspects of the Bible such as creation and/or miracles has progressed to denying it altogether now.
 - i. My wayward uncle recently stated to my mom “well Landon is going to be out of a job before too long isn’t he...since people don’t need church anymore.”
 - ii. My wayward uncle has often said things that have led to his fall and his previously mentioned theory.
 - a. “The Bible was just written by good men trying to write good things down for people.”
 - b. “The Bible can’t be trusted because it was written by men.”
- B. This ignorance is anything but true and unfounded
 - 1. The Scriptures have stood the test of time!!!
 - ii. The Word of God is still the most popular book.
 - a. The Bible is printed and sold more than any other book in history.
 - 1. The Bible is written in every native language on earth.
 - b. All of this is true and that is in spite of the fact that it is discredited by the “powers that be” more often than not.
 - 2. The Scriptures have stood the test of time for a reason!!!
 - i. The Word of God is infallible.
 - a. In other words it is without contradiction!!!
 - 1. Webster’s defines contradiction as “a statement or phrase whose parts contradict each other a round square is a contradiction in terms” (Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc.)
 - b. Think about this for a moment.
 - 1. The Bible was written by roughly 40 different men.
 - 2. The Bible was written over a period of about 1,600 years.
 - c. It is impossible to have 40 men write over a period of 1,600 years and have zero contradictions.
 - 1. It must be divine!!!
 - ii. The Word of God is infallible because it is the mind of God.
 - a. **I Co 2:10-16** “these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God...16...we have the mind of Christ.
- C. Thus...
 - 1. When one removes the “illusions” people throw out there concerning the Bible and study it with a logical and rational mind they will see that it is “inspired of God.”

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II. All Scripture Is Profitable For Man

- A. It is profitable because...
1. It is that which we are to teach ourselves/others with.
 - i. We are to indoctrinate ourselves in the Scriptures.
 - a. **II Ti 2:15** “Do your best to **present yourself** to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (emphasis mine)
 - b. **Ph 2:12** “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”
 - ii. We are to indoctrinate others the Scriptures.
 - a. **II Ti 2:2** “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”
 - b. **II Ti 4:2** “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”
 2. It is that which we are to reprove ourselves/others with.
 - i. We are to expose error in ourselves with the Scriptures.
 - a. **II Co 13:5** “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves...”
 - b. **Ga 6:4** “But let each one test his own work...”
 - ii. We are to expose error in others with the Scriptures.
 - a. **I Jn 4:1** “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
 - b. **I Co 10:4-6** “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.”
 3. It is that which we are to correct ourselves/others with.
 - i. We are to repent when our error is exposed with the Scriptures.
 - a. **II Co 7:9-11** “As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.”

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- ii. We are to restore others whose error has been exposed with the Scriptures.
 - a. **Ga 6:1** “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”
 - b. **Mt 18:15-20** “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
- 4. It is that which we are to train ourselves/others with.
 - i. We are to train ourselves with the Scriptures.
 - a. **I Ti 4:6-8** “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”
 - b. **He 5:14** “But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.
 - ii. We are to train others with the Scriptures.
 - a. **I Ti 4:12** “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”
 - b. **Jn 13:15** “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”
- B. Thus...
 - 1. It equips everyone for “every” good work.
 - i. The Bible equips us for that which we were created for.
 - a. **Ep 2:10** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

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2. It makes everyone complete.
 - i. The Bible will make people whole lacking nothing.
 - a. **II Ti 2:21** “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

CONCLUSION

1. Brethren “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
 - a. Amen!!!
2. Question: Are you allowing the Scriptures to equip you and make you complete?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**