

Know the Holy Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:15-17

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Eph 6:17 *“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

Php 2:16 *“...holding forth the word of life.”*

Psa 1:2 The blessed man’s *“delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”*

I. Scripture is Provided by God (v. 16)

- *“all scripture is GIVEN by inspiration of GOD.”*
- James 1:17, scripture is a gift from God.

A. Its Scope (range, extent) -- All Scripture.

B. Its Sense -- Is given

- Neh. 8:8 — *“So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.”*
- *“Is given”* — That is present tense. God is still keeping His Book pure and true.

C. Its Spirit — By Inspiration

- God’s Spirit is in His written words.
- 2 Pet. 1:19 — God’s written words are reliable than eyewitness testimonies.

II. Scripture is Purified by God — (v. 15 "the holy scriptures")

- Psalm 12:6 *“The words of the LORD ARE pure words.”* Present tense.

A. Purified Seven Times (Psalms 12:6-7)

- Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Old Syriac, German, Old Latin, English 1611 Version.
- Tyndales, Matthew’s, Coverdale’s, The Great Bible, The Geneva Bible, The Bishop’s Bible, the King James Bible.
- Purified Seven Times in Seven Languages and then seven times in the English.

B. Pure in Preservation (Psalms 12:6-7)

- God promised to keep and preserve His words forever (vs 7).

C. Pure in Every Word (Proverbs 30:5-6)

III. Scripture is to be Pursued by Man (v. 15)

- Timothy pursued the scriptures since childhood.

A. God Has Given Them (v. 16)

B. We May Know Them (v. 15; 2 Timothy 2:15)

- *“From a CHILD thou hast known the holy scriptures.”* There is no excuse for not gaining understanding of God’s word. See the excuses in Isaiah 29:11-12.

IV. Scripture Points the Way to Salvation (v. 15)

- *“...the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*

A. Pointing to Jesus Christ (John 5:39)

B. Pointing to Faith in Him (Romans 10:17)

V. Scripture Profits the Student of its Pages (v. 16)

A. Doctrine (1 Timothy 4:15-16) Basic teachings/foundational truths.

B. Reproof God telling you when you are wrong.

C. Correction God steering you in the right direction.

D. Instruction in Righteousness God showing you what you need to know to live righteously.

VI. Scripture Perfects the Servant of the Lord (v. 17)

A. This Perfection is a Process (Philippians 3:10-14)

B. This Perfection is a Possibility (Philippians 3:15)

VII. Scripture Produces Fruit in the Saint (v. 17) *“...thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

A. It Fills "thoroughly" (Colossians 3:16)

B. It Furnishes "furnished" (Titus 1:9)

C. It Finishes "all good works" (1 Thessalonians 2:13)