

The Inspired Word of God
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How do we know what we are supposed to do? Such a simple question has sparked great debate and numerous teachings for thousands of years. Some claim there are various gods who tell us what to do. Some claim there is no god, and we make our own path. However, nature and logic itself demand that there must be a God (Romans 1:20). When you couple that with the fact that the Bible is impossible by human standards, then logically, the God of the Bible must be real! The true God in His Bible describes to us the great power and worth of His word in (2 Timothy 3:16).

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16). The words “given by inspiration” more literally mean “God breathed.” In other words, like we breath words out of our mouths, God breathed out the words which we have before us in the Bible. This idea is further explained in 2 Peter 1:20 where the Bible says, “no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” Therefore, as God revealed these words to the holy men, they recorded them without interjecting their own ideas and interpretations. The words of the Bible are God’s words!

These words of God bring us great profit. Second Timothy 3:16 identifies these benefits: “and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” The word “doctrine” refers to the teachings of God. “Reproof” refers to way in which something is proven or tested. The word “correction” refers to the changing of something for the better. Finally, the word “instruction” refers to training which often comes through disciplinary action. Put it all together and the Bible profits us by showing us the proven teachings of God which prove us righteous by correcting and training us in the Lord. Beyond all this, He even sent His Son to die for us so that we might put these profitable words into effect in our lives.

The results of the word of God are we are complete and thoroughly equipped. Being complete means that there is nothing lacking. We have everything that we need in order to accomplish the will of God and be a worker for God. One amazing thing about the word of God is that it is so filled with knowledge that even after a lifetime of study, you would still have more to study! God’s word has all the necessary parts to make us complete but its on us to put in the work and learn and practice it. The word also can make us “thoroughly equipped.” Imagine the soldier out on the battlefield. When he is thoroughly equipped, then he has every piece of gear necessary to protect himself and fight his enemies. He also has the knowledge to use these tools. A thoroughly equipped Christian has all the necessary equipment such as teachings of God, arguments to prove God, and answers to defend God. Notice again from verse 16 that this equipment and knowledge on how to use it does not come from pamphlets or commentaries written by men, but it is the words of God Himself! Finally, the great purpose for this is “every good work.” God’s word should never be used to gain fame, fortune, or control over others, but only to do His work for the kingdom.

If God appeared in the sky today and commanded you to serve Him, would you have to make any changes in your life or would you already be serving according to His word? What many fail to see is God has already appeared to us; not in the sky, but in our hands through His word. It is our guide and rulebook to lead us home to Him someday. His word does not work on its own. We have to choose to apply His inspired word in our lives by receiving its profit and being complete and

equipped for the good works set before us! Let us all continue in the things which we have learned (2 Timothy 3:16).