

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

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### **SERMON: It's Amazing What a Book Can Do!**

**TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

In the fall of 1862, Our nations 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln was finally introduced to a person that he had been longing to meet for close to 10 years. As Union soldiers led this particular person to Lincoln successfully, He greeted this person in a rather unusual fashion. Abraham Lincoln reaches out his hand toward this individual and makes this statement, *"You're the little woman that wrote the book, that started this great war."*

*This woman was none other than Harriet Beecher Stowe. Ten years prior to this encounter, Stowe wrote, her legendary novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin". In this book she used fictional characters to bring to light the atrocity that was Chattel Slavery in the Antebellum south. This book personalized the political, economic, and moral argument of slavery. And as a result it forced America to deal with the reality that the institution of slavery was a grave sin, undergirded by an egregiously hypocritical law that relegated people made in the image of God to be considered as merely three-fifths a human being. This needed to cease immediately and be repented of publically. The statement made by President Lincoln, about Harriet Beecher Stowe, as he claims that she wrote a book that would spark the most significant war in our nation's history, highlights the reality, that **"It's Amazing what a book can do"**.*

As we chronicle the events of the past, human history will testify that people have written books that have sparked revolutions, reformed thinking, uncovered mysteries, and transformed generations. History is filled with books that have led to movements that have changed the world. A midst all of these books, there is one book that has stood the test of time. There's one book that out -lives all of its Paul bearers. That book is The Bible!!!

So the question on the table is this ..... What makes this book so special?

***Proposition Statement:*** *The Bible is life’s most reliable resource, because it alone answers all of life’s most pertinent questions.*

In light of this reality 2 Timothy 3:16-17 outlines three primary reasons why we should Trust the Word of God.

## **I. The author is omniscient (v.16a)**

Verse 16 opens up by pointing us to the author of ALL Scripture. All Scripture is inspired by God, the word inspired literally means God- Breathed. The Bible is the very breath of God. This points to the fact that you cannot separate God from His Word. The Bible does not merely contain the Word of God, nor does it become the Word of God under certain conditions, but rather it is the Word of GOD!!! This Bible is God speaking. And when God speaks something happens. God doesn’t just speak to be heard, God speaks to be obeyed.

This phrase, God-breathed doesn’t just point to the divine author of the Scriptures, it also illustrates how God chose to produce the Scriptures. God is his divine sovereignty and infinite wisdom breathed His words, and used His men to recorded it. This might be Paul’s letter, but it’s God’s word! The Lord reiterates this process through Peter in 2 Peter 1:20-21.

*But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*  
– 2 Peter 1:20-21

The Bible contains 66 books, 40 different authors, written over the span of 1500 years with 0 contradictions.

## **II. Its functions are inexhaustible (v.16b)**

**a. Profitable for teaching.** - First Paul says to Timothy; The Bible is profitable or useful for teaching. I like how the king how the King James says it, Profitable for Doctrine. The Bible is a source for filled with divine content that should be taught and the faithful teaching will lead to sound doctrine. Doctrine is the non-negotiable truth that lays out what you believe. In other words, the Bible will show you What’s right. It will give you the truth. Truth is an absolute standard by which reality is measured. **The Bible will tell you what’s right.**

**b. Profitable for Reproof (16 c)**-Next Paul says that the word of God is profitable for reproof. This is the idea of bringing conviction of error when there has been a deviation from the truth of God’s word. The word of God will equip you with truth and will also expose the areas in your life that do not please God. If Doctrine teaches us what right, reproof exposes **what is not right**. It does not expose to condemn you, instead it penetrates the believers heart so that you may leave the stuff that is holding you back behind in order to restore fellowship with God.

c. **Profitable for Correction (16 d)**- The word correction that is used here refers to the restoration of something to its original and proper condition. The language of resetting a broken bone. After the Word exposes your wrong, and the Holy Spirit convicts you of your sinful conduct, The Word of God then has the ability to build you up through its divine correction! To the non-believer the Bible will tell you how to get right eternally through a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. To the believer, it will provide day to day correction as we seek to please the Lord. The word of God will help you ***get right!***

d. **Profitable for Training in Righteousness (v.16 e)**- Finally training in Righteousness. The Scriptures will help you ***get right***, it will also tell you and I ***How to Stay Right***. As you matriculate through the process of Sanctification, The Word of God is what is going to be the training manual that God uses to shape your life. Training in righteousness refers to the constant obedience to the word of God as you allow it to shape your walk with the Lord.

### ***III. Trust the Bible because its Results Are Undeniable (v.17)***

If the Word of God is applied properly to life you can see the amazing results that it produces. The Bible is the book that knows you. To the unbeliever it explains the plan that will lead to salvation. All those who believe in their heart and confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord shall be saved. To the Believer, Paul is writing to Timothy as he states that the Man of God will be adequate, and equipped for every good work. Adherence to the Word of God will result in a believer that is complete and able to accomplish every good work that the Lord calls us too.

### ***IV. Conclusion***

Remember, the beauty of the Word of God is that it will put something in you that the world cannot take out of you. As you spend time in the Scriptures, you will witness God shape your life in a profound way. It will produce a power and peace on the inside of you that is not effected by the circumstances of life.

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