

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

“The Importance of
Knowing The Word of God”
(2 Tim. 3:14-17)



2 TIMOTHY



- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).

The Value of Knowing God's Word



■ CHAPTER 3

- ◆ In this chapter emphasis is placed upon the need for adherence, in word and in deed.
- ▶ (1) Warning of future Perilous Times (3:1-9)
- ▶ (2) Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13);
- ▶ (3) The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NKJV)

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■ “BUT YOU MUST CONTINUE:”

◆ “**But:**” Contrasting the False teachers w/ Timothy. (3:8,9,13)

◆ “**you must continue:**” The exhortation is to continue in the things Timothy had learned and become convinced of (2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9; cf. 1 Cor. 15:1–2).

◆ “**knowing from whom you have learned *them*:**” Timothy had learned from 2 sources, Paul, & the scriptures (1:13; Gal. 1:11,12; Eph 3:3-5)

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- “THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE LEARNED AND BEEN ASSURED OF:”
- Timothy had assurance because the ultimate source for what he had learned was God, (the inspired apostle & the Holy Scriptures).
- Paul's teaching was confirmed by miraculous signs, (2 Cor. 12:12), and even his teaching was tested by the Scriptures (cf. Acts 17:11).
- God's word is the TRUTH (Jn 17:17)

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■ “AND THAT FROM CHILDHOOD YOU
HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:”

- ◆ From his childhood his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, had taught him the Scriptures (1:5).
- ◆ The expression holy scriptures in this verse obviously refers to the O.T., since the New Testament was not yet in existence during Timothy's childhood. (Jn 5:39; 1 Pe. 1:10–12)
- ◆ This fact does NOT exclude the N.T. from being scripture (2 Pe. 3:15,16)

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■ “WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE
FOR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH
WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS:”

■ The OT Scriptures are able to “make you
wise unto salvation” by its promises,
prophecies, shadows, and figures of the
Messiah who was to come (Gal. 3:15-29;
Jno. 5:39-47).

■ Jesus and His New Covenant was that to
which the O.T. pointed (Rom. 10:4; cf.
Ac. 2:14-36; 8:30-35; 17:2; 18:28; 28:23)

■ The Scriptures bring salvation for those
who believe (Ac. 13:26; Ja. 1:18,21-25;
Ro. 1:16; Ep. 1:13; 1 Pet. 1:22,23)

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THE SOURCE OF GOD'S WORD

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■ “ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD:”

- The expression “all scripture” includes the the OT (v. 15) and the NT, most of which had been written and circulated at the time of this writing. (2 Pet. 3:15,16)
- “Inspiration,” i.e., God breathed. The scriptures claim to be from God (2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 2:11–13)
- Scripture claims “Plenary” (*Full; entire; complete; absolute*) and “verbal” inspiration, (*extends to the very words and forms of expression*).

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- ◆ God has revealed His will to us through words.
- ◆ Words are vehicles of thought and convey concepts.
- ◆ The Very Words Of The Bible Are Inspired By God.
- ◆ All of God's Word Is Inspired
- ◆ We accept God's will through accepting the words of Scripture.

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WHAT THEY SAID

**Matthew 10:19–20
(NKJV)**

¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

INSPIRED

WHAT THEY WROTE

**2 Peter 1:20–21
(NKJV)**

²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.



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- ◆ Words (Mat 10:19-20; 1 Cor. 2:13).
- ◆ Tense (Mat 22:31,32).
- ◆ Grammatical number (Gal 3:16).
- ◆ Smallest letter & Mark Irrevocable (Mat 5:18).
- ◆ Unbreakable (John 10:35).
- ◆ Final Authority (Mat 4:4; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18,19).

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- “AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:”
- ◆ “**Profitable:**” (ophelimos) useful or beneficial, an advantage, (Vine, Lou Nida)
- ◆ “**doctrine:**” (didaskalia) i.e., “teaching,” that is, ‘teaching material.’ (Wuest)
- ◆ “**reproof**” (elegmos), i.e., “a proof, proving, test,” (Vine), “convict” (Wuest), “to rebuke another with such effectual wielding of the victorious arms of the truth, as to bring him, if not always to a confession, yet at least to a conviction of his sin.” (Trench)

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■ “**correction**” (epanorthosis), i.e., “to cause something to be or to become correct, with the implication of a previous condition of faults or failures—‘to correct, correcting faults.’ (Lou Nida); “restoration to an upright or right state, correction or improvement” (Wuest).

■ “**instruction in righteousness:**” i.e., training and discipline in what is right.

■ The Bible is all-sufficient as a rule book of faith and practice, (*as seen in the next verse*).

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(NKJV)**

**17 that the man of
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- **“THAT THE MAN OF GOD:”**
 - ◆ **“man of God”** - Specifically one who provides spiritual leadership to others, (1 Tim. 6:11; Deut. 33:1; 2 Kings 23:17; 2 Pet. 1:21), but certainly by extension applies to anyone who believes and follows the scriptures (Gal. 3:26; Eph. 1:4)
 - ◆ **“may be complete:”** (teleios) i.e., full, complete, full grown, lacking nothing.
 - ◆ **“thoroughly equipped for every good work,”** - The individual whose faith is anchored in the all-sufficiency of the holy Scriptures is well fortified against all foes and for every need of life

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■ “EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK:”

- ◆ Furthermore, the expression “all good works” magnifies and corroborates further the idea of the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures. (Matt. 28:19,20; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jon. 6:63, 67,68)
- ◆ If it is a good work, it can be found in the Scriptures. (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; [Josh. 1:7]; Prov. 30:6; [Rev. 22:18, 19].)
- ◆ If it cannot be found in the Scriptures, the opinion of some to the contrary, it is not a good work. (2 Co. 9:8; Mat. 21:25; 28:19,20; 2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 10:17)

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**“Buy the truth, and sell it not”
(Prov. 23:23).**

- ▶ If it costs you your means of earning a livelihood, buy it, because it is worth it.
- ▶ If it costs you the dearest relationship on earth, buy it, because it is worth it.
- ▶ If it costs you all of your earthly possessions, buy it, because it is worth it.
- ▶ Having bought it, do not sell it for anything in this world, it is not worth it.

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OUR TEXT EMPHASIZES ...

**THE ASSURANCE OF
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**THE CAPABILITY OF
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WILL WE FOLLOW IT?

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**The word of God WILL lead us to salvation if we follow it - for it leads us to Christ, and Christ leads us through it!
(James 1:21-25)**

The word of God can teach us, convict us, correct us, and instruct us in all that is good! we need NOTHING ELSE!

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Will you
BELIEVE God?

Will you
TRUST God?

Will you
OBEY God?

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“Perilous Times”
(2 Tim. 3:1-9)

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Genesis 6:5–12 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.