

## **Bible Study: 2 Timothy 3:16 – The Power and Purpose of God's Word**

**Overview of Study:** This Bible study unpacks the foundational truth found in 2 Timothy 3:16—that all Scripture is inspired by God and useful for every aspect of the believer’s life. We’ll explore the authority, perfection, purpose, power, and relevance of God’s Word, and why it must be central in our daily walk.

### **Key Points:**

#### **1. The Word is Perfect:**

- Scripture is God-breathed, not man-invented.
- Historical, archaeological, and prophetic accuracy support the Bible’s reliability.
- God used human authors with different styles, yet delivered one consistent truth.

#### **2. The Word Has a Purpose:**

- Teaching: Shows us what is right.
- Reproof: Reveals where we’ve gone wrong.
- Correction: Guides us back to the right path.
- Training in Righteousness: Helps us stay on the path and grow.

#### **3. The Word is Powerful:**

- Leads us to salvation (Romans 10:17).
- Exposes the truth and cuts through deception (Hebrews 4:12).
- Defends us in spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:17).

#### **4. The Word is Relevant:**

- God’s Word is timeless—it speaks to today’s issues.
- Temptations and struggles are not new; only the tools have changed.
- The truth still applies, because human nature hasn’t changed.

#### **5. The Word Requires Action:**

- Knowing the Word means applying it.

- Scripture must be read, studied, memorized, and lived.
- A Bible that is used often belongs to a life that is steady and growing.

### **Reflective Questions:**

- Do you treat God’s Word as your daily standard, or just a reference when life gets tough?
- Are you regularly reading and memorizing Scripture? Why or why not?
- Which of the four purposes of Scripture (teaching, reproof, correction, training) are you most in need of right now?
- How does knowing the Word is God-breathed change the way you view it?
- What changes do you need to make to prioritize God’s Word in your life?

### **Action Steps:**

1. **Start a daily Bible reading plan**—even 10 minutes a day makes a difference.
2. **Memorize one verse each week.** Start with 2 Timothy 3:16.
3. **Set aside time weekly** to reflect on how Scripture is shaping your thoughts and actions.
4. **Encourage your family or small group** to discuss a verse each week together.
5. **Replace media time** (TV, scrolling, etc.) with 15 minutes of quiet time in the Word.

**Conclusion:** God’s Word is not optional—it’s essential. It’s not just a book of history, but the living, active voice of God speaking to us today. When we commit to reading, memorizing, and obeying it, we are equipped for every good work. Let’s return to being people of the Book—because in His Word, we find truth, direction, strength, and Jesus Himself.