

# The purpose of scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17

## Introduction:

What is so important about the word of God? Is it all about making us feel good about ourselves? Is it just a bunch of stories? Is one part more important than the other? Today we are going to look at the purpose of scripture.

## Scripture:

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## Key Points:

1. It is true and dependable.
2. It is profitable
3. It equips us for service

## Outline:

1. It is true and dependable
  - a. All scripture- the whole Bible is true from the old testament through the new testament, yes that's right the old testament still has worth, and is still applicable to today's life.
  - b. It is true because it was breathed by God.
    - i. John 17:17 ( Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.)
2. It is profitable
  - a. For doctrine- What is right
  - b. For reproof- What is not right
  - c. For correction- How to get right
  - d. For instruction- How to stay right
  - e. If we are willing to apply what we learn we will grow in holiness and avoid many pitfalls in life.
3. It equips us for service
  - a. There are two important words in this verse and they are complete and equipped.
    - i. Complete means to be fit shape or fit condition.
      - (1) It does not suggest sinless perfection it implies being fit for use.
    - ii. Equipped means that the bible gods word tells us what we need to know to live a life that pleases God. So that we can do ministry

The word of God is to bring us to the cross. We wont always leave here feeling warm and fuzzy sometimes we will leave here feeling convicted or even beat up a little the word of God is like that sometimes.

God loves us enough to correct us and so do I. You may leave here upset at me from time to time but I will still love you Just as the father loves you.

**Conclusion:**

What is God speaking to you right now? Has HE revealed himself to you in such a way that you need to make a decision to accept HIM? Has HE spoken to you about an improper heart attitude? Is HE leading you to join us here?