

Our Attitude Toward the Word of God
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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1. The Bible is a book that over the years has provoked a lot of different opinions.
2. The attitude of most folks in this country seems to lie somewhere in between the most extremes.
3. The Bible is the foundation for what we believe and how we act. I want to share with you this morning some basic beliefs regarding the Word of God.

I. The Bible Is Inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”

- A. There are several different ideas about the inspiration of the Bible.
 1. There are some people who believe that certain men are inspired in the sense that they are exceptionally talented.
 2. **2 Peter 1:20-21**
 3. Peter is talking specifically about the Old Testament prophets and says that scripture doesn't come from any human source.
- B. Although the Bible was written by men, they were not its ultimate author.
 1. **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

II. The Bible Is Infallible. 2 Timothy 3:16 “it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

- A. That is to say that everything that it affirms is absolutely true.
- B. That's why it's our standard for what we believe and practice.

III. The Bible Is Sufficient. 2 Timothy 3:17 “so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

- A. Everything you need for righteousness is in God's word.
 1. **2 Timothy 3:1-15**
- B. The Bible is sufficient to make us wise unto salvation.

IV. The Bible Is Effective. Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

- A. The Bible is powerful.
- B. The Bible will change your life if you will allow it to.