**Be Sure About What God Says**

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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**2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)**and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

**2 Timothy 3:17 (ESV)**that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1. **The Bible is Limitless in Its Depth**

**2 Timothy 3:14 (ESV)**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed …

**1 Peter 2:2 (ESV)**Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

**Creation — Fall — Promise — Redemption — Restoration**

1. **The Bible is Personal in Its Message**

**2 Timothy 3:14-15 (ESV)**… knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings …

**Psalm 119:11 (ESV)**I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

**To read your Bible consistently …**

**Select a place for reading.**

**Select a time for reading.**

**Select a system for reading.**

1. **The Bible is Redemptive in Its Purpose**

**2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)**and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 10:17 (ESV)**So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)**Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

**1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)**since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

1. **The Bible is Unfailing in Its Truth**

**2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)**All Scripture is breathed out by God …

**John 17:17 (ESV)**Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Matthew 5:18 (ESV)**For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

**Numbers 23:19 (ESV)**God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?

**Deuteronomy 32:4 (ESV)**“The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.

**2 Peter 1:19 (ESV)**And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

**2 Peter 1:20 (ESV)**knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.

**2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)**For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Inerrant — Authoritative — Sufficient**

1. **The Bible is Profitable in Its Impact**

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**2 Timothy 3:17 (ESV)**that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Psalm 119:18 (ESV)**Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

**Psalm 119:129 (ESV)**Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**How to Hear God Speak**

1. **Is there an attribute of God to praise?**
2. **Is there a blessing to enjoy?**
3. **Is there a command to obey?**
4. **Is there a good example to follow, or a bad example to avoid?**
5. **Is there an idea to meditate on?**
6. **Is there a principle to apply?**
7. **Is there a promise to claim?**
8. **Is there a sin to repent of?**
9. **Is there a warning to heed?**
10. **Is there a verse to memorize?**