

The Bible an Aid to Christian Living

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Introduction

- A. It is God's will that we should live the Christian life.
- B. He not only gives us a command and an example, but He also gives us power to live for Christ.
- C. One source of God's power is His Word.

I. What Are Some Facts Concerning the Word of God?

- A. It is divinely inspired. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- B. It is absolutely pure. (Psalm 12:6)
 - 1. Contrast lying, deceit, blasphemy, and impurity of the words of men.
 - 2. God's Word has been tried in the furnace on earth.
- C. It is the supreme authority.
 - 1. Jesus endorsed it: "It is written."
 - 2. Examine Revelation 22:18, 19.
- D. It is a perfect unit. (John 10:35)
 - 1. It is made up of sixty-six books, but is also one "Book."

2. The scarlet thread of redemption through the blood of Christ runs all the way through the Bible.
- E. It is eternally permanent. ([1 Peter 1:25](#))
1. One day the heavens and earth will have fled away. ([Revelation 20:11](#))
 2. The Word of God will still remain.

II. Characteristics of God's Word

- A. It is the Word of life to be held forth. ([Philippians 2:16](#))
- B. It is the Word of reconciliation to be proclaimed. ([2 Corinthians 5:19](#))
- C. It is the Word of salvation to be heard. ([Acts 28:28](#))
- D. It is the Word of truth to be received. ([Ephesians 1:13](#))
- E. It is the Word of faith to be believed. ([Romans 10:8](#))
- F. It is the Word of wisdom to be ministered. ([1 Corinthians 2:6](#))
- G. It is the Word of faithfulness, to be held fast. ([Titus 1:9](#))

III. How Shall We Use the Word?

- A. Search it. ([John 5:39](#); [1 Peter 1:10, 11](#); [Acts 17:11](#))

- B. Meditate in it. (Psalms 1:2; 119:15)
- C. Do it. (James 1:22)
- D. Delight in it. (Psalm 119:47; Jeremiah 15:16)
- E. Declare it. (Psalm 119:13; Jeremiah 23:28)

Conclusion

- A. The Bible is more than an aid to Christian living.
- B. The Bible is the divine means whereby we learn of the kingdom of God and how we enter into and continue in it.