

FP: The Word of God

The goal of this study is to inspire us to have confidence in the Bible, to understand its purpose, and to decide to make it the standard that we live by, even more than your own feelings, creeds, and/or traditions.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God, and is to be applied to our lives so that we can be ready for every spiritual challenge (2 Peter 1:20-21). Illustration: The Bible is not like a food buffet where we pick and choose which verses we want to follow. Are you willing to let the whole Bible teach, correct, train, and even rebuke you?

2. Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is relevant and can expose and convict us of sin in our lives. It can cut us, but its purpose is to cut out the bad, so that we can be healed—just like a surgeon's scalpel. Because of the exactness of God's word, we can have great trust in it.

3. 1 Tim 4:15-16

How we live and what we teach are both essential to salvation. Illustration: Which wing of an airplane is most important? So it is with what you believe and how you live out those beliefs. What is the result of careful attention to our life and doctrine?

4. John 8:31-32

Jesus teaches these Jews that belief/faith is not enough. He calls them to believe God enough to trust his will for their lives. This trust is demonstrated by the decision to live according to Jesus' teaching. True faith is seen in our obedience to his teachings.

5. Acts 17:10-12

We are ultimately responsible for what we believe. Religious leaders can be wrong, so we cannot be lazy. Review in greater depth the lessons and sermons you hear to be sure about what you are being taught. Are you willing to take personal responsibility for knowing what the Bible says? Are you willing to take the Berean challenge?

6. John 12:47-48

Take note of Jesus' purpose for coming to you. The Word will judge us if we reject it. Rejecting the Word is equated with rejection of Jesus and his salvation.

Additional Scriptures:

- Matthew 15:1-9 – We should follow the Bible instead of our traditions
- 2 Timothy 4:2-3 – There will be a time when people will not listen to “sound doctrine”
- Psalm 1 – Blessed is the man who delights in God's law
- Psalm 19:7-11 – The law of the Lord is perfect and worth more than gold
- Psalm 119