

**Grace to You** :: *esp Unleashing God's Truth, One Verse at a Time*

### **Why is it important for me to study the Bible?**

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16–17

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You've asked a good question that deserves a straightforward answer: The Bible, the only source of absolute divine authority, will inform you of God's mind and will for your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That is surely reason enough to study God's Word.

### **The Qualities of God's Word**

You can do a quick, informative study of the Bible right now. Just match the following statements about God's Word with the verses listed below.

- The Bible is infallible in its totality
- The Bible is inerrant in its parts
- The Bible is complete
- The Bible is authoritative and final
- The Bible is totally sufficient for your needs
- The Bible accomplishes what it promises
- The Bible provides assurance of salvation
- Revelation 22:18-19
- John 8:47; 20:31
- Psalm 119:89
- Psalm 19:7
- Isaiah 55:11
- Proverbs 30:5-6

If any of the above words are new to you, here are a few definitions you might find helpful:

- Inerrancy*: The Bible is free from error in all it affirms.
- Infallibility*: The Bible is unfailing in its purpose.
- Sufficiency*: The Bible contains all needed information for Christian living.
- Authority*: The Bible carries the right to prescribe beliefs and actions.

### **The Benefit of Knowing God's Word**

The Bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain you as a Christian in your walk with God. Note these significant promises in the Scripture.

The Bible is the source of:

- Truth: "Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17).
- God's blessing: "But He said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it'" (Luke 11:28).
- Victory: "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).
- Growth: "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).
- Power: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).
- Guidance: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105).

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For further help in your study of God's Word, check out John's audio series, [How to Study the Bible](#), or his study Bible, [The MacArthur Study Bible](#).

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