

Stick with the Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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Main Point:

Unlike the world, you need to stick with the Scriptures; therefore, commit yourself to being a faithful student of them.

1. Unlike the world, you need to stick with the Scriptures.
2. Because the Scriptures are God's Word.
3. Because the Scriptures are necessary for your salvation.
4. Because the Scriptures are necessary for your sanctification.
5. Commit yourself to being a faithful student of the Scriptures.

Sinclair Ferguson “God was one hundred percent engaged in *breathing out* his word; the human authors were one hundred per cent active in *writing out* that word.”

2 Peter 1:21 ²¹ 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. (ESV)

Psalms 19:7a ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect ... (NKJV)

John 17:17 ¹⁷ "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (NKJV)

WLC 155 How is the word made effectual to salvation? A. The spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Kevin DeYoung “The Bible will build us up so that we can endure suffering. It will give us discernment for difficult choices. It will make us strong enough to be patient with others and patient enough to respond with kindness when others hurt us. The Bible will get us up to bring meals to new moms and pray for people in their hospital beds. The Bible equips us to be truth lovers and truth tellers. It sends us out to care for the poor and welcome the stranger. There is no limit to what the Bible can do for us, to us, and through us. We can never outgrow the Bible, because it always means to make us grow”

2 Corinthians 3:18 ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another ... (ESV)

Kevin DeYoung “No one succeeds at the highest level in sports without working out. No one makes it in music without lots of practice. No one excels in scholarship without years of study. And no one makes it far in the school of holiness without hours and days and years in the word. You and I simply will not mature as quickly, minister as effectively, or live as gloriously without immersing ourselves in the Scriptures.”

Psalms 119:97 ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. (NKJV)

Mark 1:35 ³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry “O that we may love our Bibles more, and keep closer to them than ever! and then shall we find the benefit and advantage designed thereby, and shall at last attain the happiness therein promised and assured to us.”