

“Christian Competence”

Confidence Scripture Is “Breathed Out” And “Profitable”

2 Timothy 3:10-4:2 (996)

Today we conclude our six-week study entitled *Not By Bread Alone*. We have seen how Jesus took his stand on the Scriptures, how he illustrated their potency, and how he himself spoke with authority. Finally, we must consider the Apostolic announcement of *what Scripture is*. Today hear the call to pursue competence, and to the role the Word of God plays in such pursuit.

I. _____ oriented his life to _____ his Apostolic mentor in his complexity: theology, lifestyle, life purpose, personal faith and character (v 10-13).

1. Life on life ministry is personal and _____.
2. Learn to let others into your _____. What makes you _____?

II. _____ exhorts us to _____ in lifelong study of the Scriptures. They instruct us in the Gospel, which specifies _____ and _____.

1. Know “from whom” (_____) you learned will help you be _____ in your faith.
2. Come back again and again to the Scripture. Learn to _____ it!
3. The Scriptures are true in all of the _____, but feature _____.

III. _____ is the ultimate author of the Bible, and the Apostle uses the words “_____” and “_____” to describe what the Bible is (v 16).

1. We must think carefully about the Bible’s _____.
2. Read the Bible as if we have heard God _____ speaking its message.
3. God not only reveals – he _____, and his Word is his ordained _____.

IV. _____ God’s _____ are called to competence and _____ (v 17ff).

1. The _____ in the Bible indicates God’s plan for _____.
2. The ministry of the church is an _____ ministry.
3. Embrace the _____ of the Word.
4. Be _____ in the Scriptures, but be instructive and _____.

