

APPROPRIATING AND ACTIVATING GOD'S WORD
TRUST AND OBEY
(MAKING SCRIPTURE EFFECTIVE IN LIFE)
2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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I. UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONE WHO MAKES THE WORD OF GOD EFFECTIVE IN OUR LIFE IS GOD! (vs 16a)

"*inspiration of God*"— i.e. *God breathed.*

2 Peter 1:21— "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Hebrews 4:12— "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

1 Thessalonians 2:13— "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which *effectually* worketh also in you that believe."

"*effectually*"— to be active, efficient.

II. UNDERSTAND HOW THE WORD OF GOD WORKS WHEN IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE IN OUR LIVES! (vs 16-17)

A. GOD'S WORD Is Profitable For DOCTRINE— It Shows Us And Teaches Us What Is Right! (Vs 16)
"doctrines"— "teaching; instruction."

1 Timothy 4:16— "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

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(See 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:1-2, 15; 3:14-15)

B. GOD'S WORD Is Profitable For REPROOF— It Shows Us What Is Wrong!

"reproof"— proof, evidence; it says, "You know that's wrong! Confess it and forsake it"
(Proverbs 1:22-33; 6:23; 15:32; 14 uses; John 16:8)

C. GOD'S WORD Is Profitable For CORRECTION— It Shows Us How To Correct That Which Is Wrong!

Proverbs 3:11-12— "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; Neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

"correction"— improvement; a straightening up again, i.e. rectification or reformation.

D. GOD'S WORD Is Profitable For INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS—It Shows Us How To Do That Which Is Right And How To Stay Right In Our Lives!
"instruction"— tutorage, i.e. education or training.

E. GOD'S WORD Is Profitable For PERFECTING Or MATURING US And EQUIPPING US For The Work Of The LORD! (vs 17)

III. UNDERSTAND WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE THE WORD OF GOD EFFECTIVE OR MORE EFFECTIVE IN OUR LIVES— It Comes By READING, STUDYING, MEMORIZING, MEDITATING ON, And APPLYING The WORD Of GOD With GOD'S PURPOSE By GOD'S HELP!

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- A. Be Filled With The HOLY SPIRIT! (Eph. 5:17-18)**
Ephesians 5:17-18—“17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”
- B. Bathe Your Efforts In PRAYER First! (James 1:5-7)**
- C. Recognize That EFFORT Must Be Expended!**
(Proverbs 2:1-6)
- D. Be On The Lookout For SINS TO FORSAKE!**
Psalm 119:9—“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”
- Psalm 119:11*—“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.”
- Psalm 119:105*— “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.
- 1 John 1:5-10*
- E. Be On The Lookout For PROMISES TO CLAIM!**
2 Corinthians 1:20—“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”
- 2 Peter 1:3-4*—“3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

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- F. Learn From The EXAMPLES OF OTHERS!**
1. Examples Of What We Should Be!
(James 5:10-11)
- 2. Examples Of What We Shouldn't Be!**
(1 Corinthians 10:6-11)
- G. Look For And Take Heed Of WARNINGS! (Psa 19:7-11)**
- H. Look For Teachings About GOD – THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. (John 17:3)**
John 17:3—“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”
- I. Look For Other Truths. (John 8:31-32; 17:17)**
John 8:31-32—“31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
- John 17:17*— “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- J. Ask GOD How You Should Apply What You Learn In Your Own Life. (Proverbs 3:5-8)**

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