

Sermon Notes

Benefits of Biblical Practices Sermon Series
"The Benefits of Learning the Scriptures"

2 Timothy 3:14-17
January 11, 2026

6. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest), how would you rate your commitment to God's Word? How can you increase your commitment this week so you live differently?

7. For what is Scripture useful? In what sort of ways should we use the Bible? What are some inappropriate ways of using the Bible?

8. What ultimate objective is identified (3:17)? Compare 3:17 and 2:21. How are the objectives and processes similar? What role does familiarity with the Scripture play in accomplishing this final objective? Do you feel "adequate," "sanctified," "useful to the Master," "prepared" and "equipped" for "every good work"? If not, how can you use the Bible in your own spiritual growth this week?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-11-2026

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 292; John R. Stott, 2 Timothy: Standing Firm in Truth, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1998, pp. 41-43.

Getting Started:

1. What and when was your first exposure to the Scriptures?

Digging Deeper:

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

2. What are the Scriptures able to do (3:15)? Have you experienced this personally? How so?
3. What is true of all Scripture (3:16)? How would you explain what this means?
4. Two fundamental truths about Scripture are asserted here. The first concerns its origin (where it comes from) and the second its purpose (what it is intended for). How would you explain the authority of the Bible from these verses?
5. What are the purposes of Scripture for our lives? Where have you witnessed the Scriptures accomplish these benefits in your personal experience?