



God's Word- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Who is the author of 2 Timothy? Who was the recipient? Why was the letter being written? What is the overall theme of the letter? (2 Tim 3:10-13 provide a great summary of the letter.)
2. Read verse 14-15. In what was Timothy to continue? What had he known since his childhood? What did this include when it was written? How does the New Testament fit into this statement?
3. What does Paul say is the value of continuing in the Scripture at the end of verse 15?
4. Read verse 16. What two things are stated about all Scripture? How are the words "teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" related? Do you see a progression?
5. Read verse 17. What are the Scriptures designed to produce?

"Hearing God? A daring idea, some would say- presumptuous and even dangerous. But what if we are made for it? What if the human system simply will not function without it? There are good reasons to think it will not. The fine texture as well as the grand movements of life show the need. Is it not, in fact, more presumptuous and dangerous to undertake human existence without hearing God?"

-Dallas Willard, Hearing God

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ How do you see these verses at work in your life? Has the Scripture made the same impact in your life that it has in Paul's and Timothy's? If not, why not?
- ☀ The word that Paul uses for "profitable" in verse 16 is also used in 1 Timothy 4:8, where Paul says that "while bodily training is of **some value (profitable)**, godliness is of **value in every way (super-profitable)**, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." Do you believe that this is true? Are you giving as much attention to taking care of your soul as you do to taking care of your body?
- ☀ Do you have a plan to feed yourself in the word? If not, study along with us in the passages we preach each week. Or find a good daily reading plan.