



The Profit of the Scriptures



“But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, ⁴ traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to the form of godliness but denying its power.

Avoid these people.



¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you,
¹⁵ and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God, and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work



2 Timothy 3

The chapter begins with hard times and ends with a statement about all scripture being inspired by God and profitable!



Paul was right—Hard times are everywhere

*It was that way in his day
and is still the same today.*



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Paul wants Timothy to know
that the inspired Word of God is fully sufficient
for all things necessary to know and glorify God
and to experience redemption in Christ.



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“No prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”

(2 Peter 1:20-21)



*The Word of God is fully sufficient
for a life of faith and service.*



“If you know God, you know the most important thing about everything! God’s Word is without limit in its relevance and application to everything.”

John Piper



*Paul's message to Timothy is the same message to us:
In hard times, we, too, profit from the scriptures and can find
the strength and guidance needed to live for God's glory.*



*Jesus—the Word of God—is the one
who changes everything!*



*As we spend time in the scriptures,
God recalibrates our hearts to align with Him.*



Through the scriptures, God has given us all we need to know.

*The most important thing we can do is trust and ground
ourselves in God's Word.*



*Sometimes, there's a disconnect between
what we believe and do.*

Our beliefs and behaviors are not in alignment.



Where are you today regarding your Belief in God's Word?

Do you believe it is true? Do you think it is profitable?

Do you believe it has the words of life written in it?

Do you believe the Scriptures contain everything we need to be complete and equipped for every good work?

Answer honestly.



⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)



Are you consistently being fed by God's Word?



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stand firmly in God's Word*

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⁴ *“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.,*
⁵ *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all*
your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ These words
that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.
⁷ *Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when*
you sit in your house and when you walk along the
road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Bind
them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol
on your forehead., ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of
your house and on your city gates. (Deut 6:4-9)



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*3. Let biblical truth guide and shape your conduct
and behavior*



Application

Grow your desire for God's Word