

A CHRISTIAN'S CORE VALUES #1 A LIFE SUBMITTED TO THE WORD

2Ti. 3 ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** (profitable KJV) for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. NIV

I. The Word of God is INSPIRED.

The scriptures are verbally inspired of God, and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. It is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.

A. Inspiration doubted

When we examined George Barna's report on what American churches believe we saw the following percentages when Christian denominations were polled on whether they agreed with the following statement, "The Bible is totally accurate."

Adults 41%

Adventists 64%

Assemblies of God 77%

Baptists (any type) 66%

Catholics 26%

Church of Christ 57%

Episcopal 22%

Lutheran (any type) 34%

Methodist (any type) 38%

Mormons 29%

Non-denominational Christian 70%

Pentecostal/Foursquare 81%

Presbyterian (any type) 40%

B. Inspiration documented

- *40 men were used to record these words
- *They wrote over a period of 1500 years
- *They inscribed God's word on sheepskin and goatskin, papyrus and parchment.
- *It was written in different settings
 - The first five books were written in the desert wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula.
 - At least four letters of Paul were written while he was in prison.
 - Daniel wrote from the courts of Babylon
 - Some of the psalms were written while David kept sheep in the hills of Judea
- * It is **scientifically, historically, and prophetically** accurate.

It was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

II. The Word of God is **PROFITABLE**

A. It is profitable for **TEACHING (DOCTRINE KJV)**.-**(To learn what is right)**

God's word is profitable for doctrine; the Bible instructs us in what we know about God and how to live. The Bible teaches us what God's will is; we can know God desire and heart.

1. It is the FOUNDATION OF TRUTH on which we build our lives.

Luke 6⁴⁷ I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. NIV

2. It is IRREFUTABLE

Rom. 3:4... "let God be true, and every man a liar..."

God's word is FINAL and ETERNAL

Psa. 119 89 For ever, O Lord your word is settled in heaven.

Isa. 40 ⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”

Matt. 24 ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

3. It is SYMOBLIZED BY THE PLUMB-LINE.

Amos 7:7-8

The **plumb-line** reveals everything that is “crooked” and “non-truthful”.

4. Right belief brings about right living or, error in doctrine is translated into sinful behavior.

B. It is profitable for **REBUKE**.- (to show me what is wrong)
To rebuke means “to warn, reprove, or to give a talking to”
God's Word is to be received, believed and OBEYED as the final authority in our lives. When God's Word is deliberately disobeyed His Word will be used as a rebuke; it is the reproof of by the power of he Holy Spirit that turns individuals from sin.

Revelation 3:19 (NIV)

A symbol for this purpose of scripture would be a **HAMMER**.

Jer. 23 ²⁹ “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? NIV

1. Open rebuke is good for the body.

1Ti. 5 ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning. NIV

Pro. 27 ⁵ Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Men do not reject the bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

2. The true believer desires rebuke.

Pro. 9⁸ Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. NIV

3. The purpose for rebuke is to bring repentance.

Luke 17³ So watch yourselves. “If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.”⁴ If he sins against you **seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.**” NIV

4. Rebuke is motivated by love.

Rev. 3¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.

C. It is for **CORRECTION-** (to show us how to get it right).

1. It is symbolized by a mirror.

James 1²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a **mirror**²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.²⁵ **But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this,** not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he **will be blessed in what he does.**
NIV

2. It will keep us balanced.

The purpose of correction is to get things “straightened out again”. It will help us to avoid extremes.

God will use His Word to guide and direct our lives when we get off course. God wants to restore our thinking, to transform our minds so we might live by the mind of Christ. The Bible will correct our false notions and mistaken understanding.

D. It is for **TRAINING in righteousness- (how to stay right)**

1. The symbol for training would be a LAMP.

Psa. 119 ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
NIV

2. Another symbol for training is a YOKE.

Matt. 11 ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

A yoke symbolizes obedience, and Christian obedience includes learning from Christ.

God's Word will not only set us on the right path, but it will keep us on the right path. We do not have to be led astray, we can follow Christ and be perfected in His image.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (NIV)

A core value for the child of God is to submit to the authority of God's word.