

## The Bible is the Word of God

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**T**he Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. All doctrine should be based upon, and be in harmony with, the Word of God. The Bible is not just partially inspired; it is totally inspired. All Scripture is inspired. The Bible is also inerrant. This means that as the Holy Ghost moved on men (2 Peter 1:20-21) all limitations and shortcomings of the writers were overcome. They were able to write without mistakes. The Bible can be trusted in all matters of faith.

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The word, “inspiration” in this Scripture comes from a Greek word that literally means, “God-breathed.”

- ✓ “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” (Hebrews 4:12).
- ✓ “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (Mark 13:31).
- ✓ “The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name” (Psalms 111:7-9).
- ✓ “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isaiah 40:8).
- ✓ “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein” (Jeremiah 6:16).

- ✓ “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Joshua 1:8).

Jerry Vines and Jim Shaddix in their book, *Power in the Pulpit* suggests many benefits to the Word of God. This list contains:

1. Prosperity and success for those who obey the Word (Joshua 1:8).
2. Converts the soul, makes wise the simple, gives joy to the heart, and enlightens the eyes (Psalms 19:7-8).
3. The Word is everlasting, true, righteous, invaluable, and sweet. It provides warning and reward (Psalms 19:11).
4. The Word cleanses and helps us avoid sin (Psalms 119:9-11).
5. Provides guidance and direction (Psalms 119:105).
6. The Word is truth (John 17:17).
7. It results in faith (Romans 10:17).
8. The Scriptures give wisdom, teaching about what is right, rebuke when in the wrong, correction for those who have erred, and instruction on how to live righteously. All of these help us to become mature (2 Timothy 3:14-17).
9. The Word is alive, sharp, penetrating, and detects our thoughts and intents (Hebrews 4:12).
10. It provides us spiritual nourishment (2 Peter 2:2).

### Study Questions

1. In 2Timothy 3:16-17, the word “inspiration” comes from a Greek word that literally means what? \_\_\_\_\_
2. List the benefit from the Word of God found in each of these scriptures.
  - 1) Hebrews 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Psalm 19:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Joshua 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) 1 Peter 2:2 \_\_\_\_\_

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5) 2 Timothy 3:14-17 \_\_\_\_\_

6) Psalm 19:11 \_\_\_\_\_

7) John 17:17 \_\_\_\_\_

8) Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

9) Psalm 119:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

10) Psalm 119:105 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Define the following terms:

1) infallible \_\_\_\_\_

2) inerrant \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Notes**