

***Should I Read the Bible?***  
***2 Timothy 3:1-5 & 13-17***

With over \_\_\_\_\_ published books, why read the Bible. The Apostle Paul answers that question in **2 Tim. 3:1-5 & 13-17**.

Paul warned Timothy that human society had veered off course and the error in \_\_\_\_\_ was guiding people further away from \_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_ with every passing year. So, we must be discriminating when choosing our sources of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We, like Timothy, should focus on the holy Scriptures. Human wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ over time will lead us off course and to destruction.

One reason the Scriptures should serve as our guide is that we learned about them from \_\_\_\_\_ people—Timothy from his mother and grandmother. Our society today is spiraling out of control because of its readiness to \_\_\_\_\_ every tradition and accepted and settled conclusion of the totality of human history. Be careful what you jettison from the \_\_\_\_\_, especially if those who handed them down to you could themselves be \_\_\_\_\_.

The main reason Paul commended the Scriptures to Timothy and to us is that they are not simply the product of human observation. They are \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. His Word is more than words on pages. It is the vehicle by which His \_\_\_\_\_ speaks with fresh guidance each time we read it so that we will have just what we need to be thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ to handle well whatever we face.

As a result, the Word of God is the one and only source that can point a person to the true way of God's provision for \_\_\_\_\_.

A death row inmate in a Louisiana Penitentiary who spends his days now reading the Bible admitted, "There are 2 billion of us Christians in the world, and everything today that any of us does that's \_\_\_\_\_ has something to do with our \_\_\_\_\_. And I have a copy right here in my cell!" If only this inmate could have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible before he veered so off-course. You have a copy. Read it. Believe it. Live your life by its \_\_\_\_\_.