

LESSON 1 THE BIBLE: GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

1. Characteristics of God's Word.

- a. God and his word are one (John 1:1).
- b. God is alive! Therefore, his word is also alive (Hebrews 4:12).
 - (1) God's word is powerful, and therefore able to change our lives (Hebrews 4:12).
- c. God's word is truth (John 17:17).
- d. God's word is forever settled (Psalm 119:89).
 - (1) God's word will not change (Psalm 89:34).
- e. God's word is durable (Isaiah 40:8 and Matthew 24:35).
 - (1) His truth endures to all generations (Psalm 100:5).
- f. All scripture is given by inspiration of God (God breathed) (2 Timothy 3:16).
 - (1) And...is profitable:
 - (2) For doctrine (instruction or teaching).
 - (3) For reproof (conviction).
 - (4) For correction.
 - (5) For instruction (training, discipline) in righteousness.
- g. God's word is spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14).
 - (1) God's word is not open to individual interpretation (2 Peter 1:20-21).
 - (a) The Holy Spirit gives revelation knowledge and understanding to God's word (John 14:26).

2. Let's get down to some practical application.

- a. Jesus instructed us to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).
- b. We are also instructed to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).
 - (1) Divide the Old Covenant from the New Covenant.
 - (2) The Bible contains words spoken by the devil (Genesis 3:1-5).
 - (3) The Bible contains words spoken by people (Matthew 16:13-17 then, verses 21-23).
 - (4) The Bible contains symbolism (John 10:9).
- c. Therefore, we cannot pattern our lives after everything that happened in the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:1-11).

3. Then, how are we to live by God's word?

- a. We govern our lives by the commandments of God (1 John 5:3).
- b. We experience abundant life through the promises of God (2 Peter 1:2-4).
- c. To sum up (John 8:31-32).

LESSON 1 WORKSHEET THE BIBLE: GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD

1. What kind of seed must a person receive into his heart in order to be born again, and have eternal life? (1 Peter 1:23)
2. How much did Job esteem God's words? (Job 23:12)
3. When Jeremiah fed on God's Word, what did it become to him? (Jeremiah 15:16)
4. What two results does God's Word produce in young men, when it abides in them? (1 John 2:14)
5. What is the sword of the Spirit, which God has given to Christians as part of their spiritual armor? (Ephesians 6:17)
6. What does God's Word provide for the flesh of a believer who studies it carefully? (Proverbs 4:20-22)
7. From the lesson outline, what are two characteristics of God's Word?
8. Jesus said: " ... man shall not live by bread alone, but by _____ that proceedeth out of the of (Matthew 4:4).
9. Although God has given us preachers and teacher's, who is really the teacher of God's Word? (John 14:26)
10. According to the lesson outline, how are we to live our lives by God's Word? (Two Things)

PERSONAL REFLECTION: What does God's Word mean to you at your current level of spiritual growth?