

TAKING THE **WHOLE WORD** TO THE **WHOLE WORLD**

**THE BIBLE SAYS
WHAT GOD WANTS SAID;
EVERYTHING HE WANTS TO SAY.**

**IT MEETS THE NEEDS OF
THE HUMAN HEART.**

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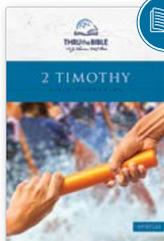


WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

WHY ALL SCRIPTURE?



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for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

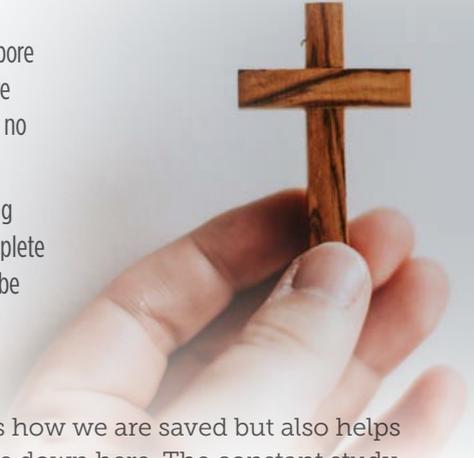
The only antidote we have against a world of apostasy is the Word of God. Understanding and applying Scripture is the only resource and recourse that will help us combat the evil of false teachers. Paul tells



Timothy to *continue* in the things he has learned. Timothy has had a godly heritage and grew up on the Word of God. Now he needs to grow in his salvation.

Wait—didn't you say Timothy was already saved? Yes, but salvation occurs in three tenses.

- You *have been* saved from sin. Jesus Christ bore a judgment death for you. When you believe on Him, you pass from death to life. You are no longer condemned. (See Romans 8:1.)
- You are *being* saved from sin. He is working out a salvation in you, but it won't be complete in this life. A day is coming when you will be like Christ. (See 1 John 3:2.)
- And someday, you *will* be saved from sin.



Paul says Scripture not only tells us how we are saved but also helps us to grow and gives us deliverance down here. The constant study of the Word of God is the only help we have, helping us be “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” It makes us wise in knowing how to live down here.

Memorize this verse: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” –2 Timothy 3:16

When Paul says “all Scripture,” he means *all* of it, from Genesis to Revelation. “Inspiration” means “God-breathed.” The writers of Scripture were not just pens the Lord picked up and wrote with. The marvel is that God used these people’s personalities, expressed things in their own thought patterns, yet got through exactly what He wanted to say. Through these writers, God has given us His Word. If He spoke out of heaven today, He wouldn’t add anything to what He has already said.

This Word we have is good for teaching, good for conviction, good for setting things right in your life. That’s how you can test whether the Word of God is moving in your life. If you read this book like any other book, then the Spirit of God is not moving in your life. But if it convicts you, then you know the Holy Spirit is at work within you. God’s Word is good for instruction, helping you think and act in accordance with God’s will. This will help you to grow in maturity.

The Word of God will *thoroughly* furnish you—it will fit you out for life for every good work. Three easy lessons will not bring you to Christian maturity, but *all* Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and all of it is to be used to meet your spiritual needs.

Timothy had been *taught* the Word of God, and now he is to *declare* the Word of God. Paul has emphasized that in the days of apostasy our resource and our recourse is to the Word of God, and it will adequately meet our needs.



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We have seen that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God—it is God-breathed. It says what God wants said, and it has said *everything* He wants to say. For this reason it meets the needs of the human heart.

When it gets into your life it does something that no other book can do because it is the very Word of God.

Why should we read Scripture aloud? To comfort and to teach. The Word of God needs to be read. A main function of the church is to get people into the Word of God.

This is true for us personally. **We can only grow personally by reading the Word for ourselves.** Are *you* further along spiritually today than you were this time last year? Are you growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ? The only way to do so is by reading the great truths of the Word of God.

MY TURN

- ① Dr. McGee asks a great question: We can only grow personally by reading the Word for ourselves. **Are you further along spiritually today than you were this time last year? Are you growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ? How would you know?**
- ② Paul reminded Timothy that what he needed in his life wasn't something new; it was to practice daily what he already knew from God's Word. **Are there things you know from God's Word, but that maybe you have forgotten to do? What would you like to pick up again going forward?**
- ③ If you could go back in time and ask Paul about why he emphasized the importance of the Word of God so much in his very last letter, what do you think he would say?





WORSHIP AND THE WORD IN EAST AFRICA



Dave Dunmore
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*“Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art ...”*

The voices raised in worship singing this wonderful hymn spilled out of open windows into the warm Kenyan surroundings. But, coming a little closer to the gathering, you would hear the words being sung by more than 80 people in Amharic, Swahili, Oromo, Somali, and Tigrinya—heart languages from the Horn of Africa.

In March 2024, THRU the BIBLE collaborated with several Christian ministries to meet in Nairobi for fellowship, listening and learning alongside people who are daily doing the work Jesus commands us. Together, with the 40 local African ministries that accepted the invitation to gather, our collective prayer was for new partnerships and projects to expand evangelism and discipleship activity throughout East Africa.



An incredibly rich time of spiritual blessing resulted! Teaching from Acts 2:47 provided the solid foundation during the training, sharing, and exploring:

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Praise God the church in Africa is growing! The seeds of the gospel are being sown, and heartfelt conversations occurred with people like ...

“JOHN,” who came to know the real love of God even as he served as an imam in a mosque. Now, “John” works discreetly in his home city to share his faith and to disciple new believers.

BENJAMIN, with an encyclopedic knowledge of East Africa’s geography, travels the region to map out the best hilltops for installing new radio transmitters. Strategically-placed, low-cost stations then broadcast solid Christian messages to people who do not have internet or access to printed Bibles.

CARL, pastoring a church next to a refugee camp and preaching live, on-air gospel messages into the same settlement.

Beautiful Christ-followers actively share the truth of God’s Word. Then men, women, and children hear, respond in faith, and are redeemed. They can begin to live as Christians. They can be taught the truth of Scripture. They can be added to the Church. This is the outcome when the Holy Spirit leads *the whole Word to the whole world!*

We can praise God for the work He is accomplishing and also be in prayer that the projects now under development will:

EQUIP WOMEN: For strength and wisdom to bless women such as Nicole and “Safia” who serve new Muslim-background believers in a difficult, ocean-port city.

COLLABORATE IN UNITY: For vision and diligence across the multiple organizations seeking to combine the most appropriate technology and resources to further the work of the gospel.

TEACH FAITHFULLY: For clarity and understanding as leaders are trained to guide listeners through studying and applying Scripture.

We pray that many new voices in more East African languages will joyfully come to believe “how great **Thou** art.”



GOD'S WORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Due to a deep national resentment towards Christianity, God's people in Turkey are few and those who do choose to follow Jesus are faced with intimidation from Muslim extremists, the government, and even their own family members.

That's the situation for 28-year-old Alara, but she is undeterred. Here's her story:

"I was shocked when I listen to your programs the first time. I come from a Muslim background and have never read the Bible. If you would have asked me beforehand, I would have said that Muhammed is the most important person in the world. But when I listened to your program (by accident) you were talking about Christ's last words on the cross, and I got the desire to learn more about it. 'Father forgive them—they don't know what they do' became like a fire in my heart. A person who can forgive in this situation—when they are being crucified? It can't be done by human strength!

"After listening more, I had no other choice, I had to become a follower of Christ. I prayed the salvation prayer.

Please pray for me and pray my family begins to listen to your programs. They are angry and seek to destroy my love for Jesus, but I do not listen or argue. God's Word speaks for itself, they just need to hear it. I tell them I eagerly await the day they learn the truth for themselves."

It's true, God's Word speaks for itself, and God's Spirit can soften even the hardest of hearts. Pray today that many people in Turkey will hear God's Word on THRU the BIBLE. May they realize Jesus is who He says He is and there is no other choice but to follow Him.

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we travel the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. Join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

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WHY STUDY 1 TIMOTHY?

Join in the studies on
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When you know your time is short, what do you tell those who you lead? The Apostle Paul knew his time on earth would soon be up, so he wrote to his young protégé, Timothy, about how to continue on without him—about how to grow a healthy and strong local assembly of believers organized for a common purpose: the glory of God.

KEY VERSE

... I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
—1 Timothy 3:15

*“When we look backwards, Jesus is our faith.
When we look around us today, He is love. And
as we look ahead, He is our hope. That hope,
anchored in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ,
actually carries us all the way through our lives.”*

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee

1 TIMOTHY'S FOCUS: GUARD SOUND DOCTRINE
AND GODLY CONDUCT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

The lives of church leaders must be fueled by faith and motivated by love. The church can't function without faith and love no matter how much natural ability people have.

Inside

FOR THE CHURCH WITHIN
THE WORSHIP MUST BE RIGHT.



Outside

FOR THE CHURCH OUTSIDE
GOOD WORKS MUST BE DEMONSTRATED.





“Every trip on the Bible Bus, I learn something new.”

Can you relate? I know I can. As I write this, I’m pondering the glory of God—what is it? What does it mean to do all things “to the glory of God”?

I’m sure you could share something you’re learning about God, too. Or about yourself. Or about His Word.

When reading Dr. McGee’s article on pages 2-5, **I was reminded how the Bible meets us each at our point of need. If you need comfort, you’ll find it. Correction? That, too. Need to know how to live—the Spirit will teach you. The Bible is alive and powerful, Hebrews 4:12 tells us. It is from God Himself, 2 Timothy 3 assures us, too.**

This is why we are committed to getting *the whole Word* out. Only God’s Spirit knows how to best use His Word in your life.

Thank you for partnering with THRU the BIBLE financially and in prayer this month. Together we are taking God’s Word to the whole world, one person—one need—one answer at a time. Let God use His Word in your life today, too.

Grateful for your partnership,



Gregg Harris
THRU the BIBLE, President



WHY STUDY 2 TIMOTHY?

Join in the studies on
THRU the BIBLE **AUGUST 19-28**
or anytime online, by podcast,
or by mobile app.

Sitting alone in a prison, soon to face the executioner, the apostle Paul reflected on his life in God. Since he met Jesus Christ Himself on the road to Damascus, Paul's life had been marked by challenge, suffering, and struggle. But how did he finish? With joy. He said, "I've fought the good fight, I've finished the race, I've kept the faith" (4:7). *It was worth it*, he concluded. This, his final letter, will encourage us all to press on.

"If you're not dead, God's not done using you."

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee

2 TIMOTHY'S FOCUS: THE CHRISTIAN LIFE INCLUDES RISK AND SACRIFICE, BUT IT'S WORTH IT.

KEY
VERSE

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15

PAUL'S LAST LETTERS TO CHRISTIANS TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIVING FAITHFULLY:

- Follow the good examples of those before you who have held on to faith in hard times
- Rely on the authority of the Bible and learn how to handle it correctly
- Follow trustworthy doctrine and avoid pointless arguments
- God inspired the Bible and equips Christians to do His work
- God will grow His Church
- God provides people to lead us and help us take next steps in our walk with Jesus
- Live above reproach—it will help the world understand the gospel

2 TIMOTHY TO-DO LIST

- Don't be afraid (1:7)
- Keep studying God's Word (2:15)
- Remember Jesus' resurrection guarantees our hope (2:11)
- Raise up faithful leaders who will teach the good news about Jesus (2:2)
- Preach the Word (4:2)

I LOVE TO

TELL THE STORY

FROM THE BIBLE BUS  TRAVELING THROUGH THE



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, AFRICA

"My name is Camille and I live in Kinshasa. I listen to the gospel you present every day. It touched me a lot this evening, then I decided to make my decision today to walk with God. I had been leading a sinful life, but today I turned around. Thank you for all you do for us in bringing us God's Word." **From Camille in DRC**

"Thank you very much for God's book. I like the teachings and really need your prayer because I am weak in faith and new. I work with my brother who is Muslim, and we argue a lot. I need prayer so the Lord will give me patience with him and strength to endure the long hours and discouragements. I am tired of the bickering and the sabotage I endure from him because I am a Christian. Intercede for me to bring light to his dark world." **From a listener in DRC**

"I have heard your programs and would like a Bible. I am perplexed by the person of Jesus and would like to know more." **From a listener in DRC**



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