

WHY DOES THE BIBLE MATTER? 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

The Bible matters because it is from God 2 Timothy 3:16a

2 Timothy 3:16a – *“All Scripture is inspired by God”*

- “Inspired by God” (from God)
 - *“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth”* (Jer. 1:9)
- “All Scripture”
 - *“You received the word of God, which you heard from us, and accepted it not as the words of men but as what it really is, the word of God”* (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

The Bible matters because it has the power to transform your life 2 Timothy 3:16b

2 Timothy 3:16b – *“beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness”*

- Paul lists 4 ways the Bible transforms us:
 1. The Bible teaches us who God is—His nature, character, plan and relationship to us
 2. The Bible rebukes us and challenges our way of thinking and living
 3. The Bible corrects us and set us on the right path
 4. The Bible trains us to be like Jesus

The Bible matters because it equips you for God’s purposes (3:17) 2 Timothy 3:17

2 Timothy 3:17 – *“so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.”*

- The word “equip” (exartizō / ἐξαρτιζω) means to complete, form, furnish.
- The Bible gives us the tools we need to love God and serve others
 - *“Let God’s word not only inform you but inflame you.”*
-Thomas Watson, 17th Century Puritan Pastor

Response: Commit to regularly read the Bible in the second half of 2021 and allow God to transform your life and equip you for your God-given purpose.