

## THE PROFIT IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

**TEXT: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:**

the infallible, inerrant and inspired words of God are “**profitable**”. This word means “**beneficial, useful, and full of profit**”. I would like to zero in on that aspect of the Word of God today and preach for a few minutes on ***The Profit In The Holy Scriptures***.

### **I. THERE IS A EQUIPPING MINISTRY v. 17**

**That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.** (Ill. The word “**furnished**” means “**to be complete and equipped.**”)

**A. THEY EQUIP US FOR THE FAITH** - In the pages of the Bible we learn all we need to know to give us:

1. **Saving Faith** - **2 Tim. 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** –

The Bible shows us ***our condition, our condemnation*** and how to obtain ***our conversion***.

The Bible shows us a crucified and risen Savior Who gave His all that anyone who believes in Him might be saved. The Word of God is a book about redemption!

1. **Saving Faith**

2. **Serving Faith** - **2 Tim. 2:15** - Here, we are commanded to “**study**” the Bible. This word means “**to be diligent, to labor.**” If we will spend the time we need in the Word of God, we will be able to “**rightly divide**” that Word. This is a surgical term that means “**to make a straight cut**”.

In other words, we will obtain a correct understanding of the Word of God and this prepares us to be a “**workman**”, that is, a “**servant**” who will not be put to shame in the face of the enemy! As we study the Bible, we will learn about the

**Wonder of God,**  
**Work of God,** the  
**Will of God,** and  
the

**Ways of God!** We will receive a theological education that will enable us to serve the Lord without shame! The Bible teaches us about the

**Person, Promises, Prophecies, Plan and Proof of God.**

**A. THEY EQUIP US FOR THE FAITH**

**B. THEY EQUIP US FOR THE FIGHT** -

**Eph. 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;** - When

Paul described the armor of the believer, he only mentioned one offensive weapon: The sword of the Spirit, or the Word of God.

This is just what Jesus did on the Mount of Temptation, Three times Jesus was tempted and three times Jesus walked into the great armory of the Word of God, entered the Deuteronomy room and walked out with the perfect sword with which He could stick the devil! (Ill. ***“It is written”, Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.***)

**Note**: Notice this: Christian is never really commanded to fight, but he is told to ***“stand”, Eph. 6:11, 13, 14, 15.*** After all, ***“the battle is the Lord’s”, 1 Sam. 17:47.***

Ill. There is a bird called the gray heron that has a very odd mode of defense. When attacked by the eagle or falcon it simply stands quiet and firm, using its bill as a sword, allowing the enemy to pierce himself through by his own force.

The Christian's method of defense is very similar. We have the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. When attacked by the enemy, without or within, stand firm and display the Word, hold it forth. The more fiercely the foe attacks the more surely shall they pierce themselves with it. God's Word is a burning fire and all it will consume all that cross it.)

**I. THERE IS A EQUIPPING MINISTRY**

**II. THERE IS AN ENABLING MINISTRY**

**v. 15, 17 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

**A. THEY ENABLE US TO GROW SPIRITUALLY**

**- 2 Tim. 3:15 - We are told here that the Scriptures have the power to make us “wise”. The word means “to teach or to have understanding.”**

If you will get the “**seed**” of the Word within your heart, God will water it and it will bear fruit! You will grow

(Ill. As you abide in Him, through prayer and through studying and meditating in the Word of God, you will find that “**fruit**” will be produced in your life. You won’t have to struggle to grow in the Lord, you just will! Ill.

“**Furnished**” in **2 Tim. 3:17** How much time and effort are you putting into your study of the Word? – Ill. **Psa. 1:2; 119:148.**)

(Ill. A man in Kansas City was severely injured in an explosion. Evangelist Robert L. Sumner tells about him in his book ***The Wonders of the Word of God***. The victim's face was badly disfigured, and he lost his eyesight as well as both hands. He was just a new Christian, and one of his greatest disappointments was that he could no longer read the Bible. Then he heard about a lady in England who read Braille with her lips. Hoping to do the same, he sent for some books of the Bible in Braille. Much to his dismay, however, he discovered that the nerve endings in his lips had been destroyed by the explosion. One day, as he brought one of the Braille pages to his lips, his

tongue happened to touch a few of the raised characters and he could feel them. Like a flash he thought, I can read the Bible using my tongue. At the time Robert Sumner wrote his book, the man had "**read**" through the entire Bible four times.

## **A. THEY ENABLE US TO GROW SPIRITUALLY**

### **B. THEY ENABLE US TO GO SPIRITUALLY** -

**2 Tim. 3:17** - The Word of God gives us all the tools we need to go to work for the Master. The Bible teaches us about:

**God's Works** (What He is doing around us)

**God's Will** (What He wants from us)

**God's Ways** (How He accomplishes His Will).

As we read the Word of God we discover that there are some things that we are to avoid and there are some things that we are to do.

As we obey the Word of God, as we do the do's and don'ts, we will find ourselves "**thoroughly**" or "**completely and perfectly**" "**furnished**" or "**equipped**" to do the Lord's work in this world!

God saved you to work for Him, **Eph. 2:10**;

**I. THERE IS A EQUIPPING MINISTRY**

**II. THERE IS AN ENABLING MINISTRY**

**III. THERE IS AN ENLIGHTENING**

## **MINISTRY**

### **A. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR**

**COACHING MINISTRY** - The Scriptures teach us “**doctrine**”! This word simply means “**teaching or instruction**”.

It refers to the body of truth that we believe and practice as part of the Christian faith. Everything we know about God and believe as Christians has been taught to us by the Word of God! Like a good coach, the Scriptures teach all the fundamentals of the faith and they instruct in the deep things of God. By the way, we should never base our doctrine on feelings or experiences or on what someone we admire believed.

### **A. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR COACHING MINISTRY**

### **B. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR**

**CHASTISING MINISTRY** - The word “**reproof**” means “**to be convicted**”. It has the idea of putting something to the test. The Word of God will put your life to the test. It is like a set of scales, or balances. It will show you where you fall short. It is like a plumb line, it will show you where you do not line up! Scripture will put you to the test! It is like a mirror, it will reveal the true you,

Sometimes, the Word of God is laid

alongside our lives and serves as the Lord's Exhibit A. He shows us from the Word the He has the goods on us and how we are living.

**(Note:** Don't get mad at the preacher either!)

**A. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR COACHING MINISTRY**

**B. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR CHASTISING MINISTRY**

**C. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR CORRECTING MINISTRY** - The

Word

**“correction”** means to **“restore to an upright or correct state”**. The Bible doesn't just show us what is wrong in our lives; it also teaches is how to fix what is wrong. It teaches us about the matter of repentance and confession of sin, **Pro. 28:13; He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. 1 John**

**1:9.** If you will do what the Bible says to do about the wrongs it exposes, it will get you on the right path in short order!

**D. WE ARE ENLIGHTENED THROUGH THEIR**

**COMMANDING MINISTRY** - **“Instruction**

**in righteousness”** refers to **“Instruction that aims at increasing virtue”**. The Bible

will tell you what is wrong with you. It will also tell you how to fix what is wrong with you. Then, it will tell you how to live so that you can avoid being found in the wrong the next time around.

Literally, the phrase “**instruction in righteous**” means “**that which cultivates the soul**”.