

Trust God's Word (2 Timothy 3:13-17)

v. 13: Persecution is certain (v. 12) because evil men → _____

vv. 14-15 – Command to Timothy to: _____

- In what you were _____; what you have become convinced of
- Remember *those* who _____ you, including their _____
- In the sacred _____ you know from childhood → _____

vv. 16-17 – *All Scripture*

- Is _____ by God = _____ wrote the Bible (2 Pet. 1:21)
- Is profitable – the _____ of the Word of God
 1. _____ – objective _____ from God; including the _____
 2. _____ – what I am doing _____
 3. Correction – how to do it _____
 4. _____ in righteousness = _____ to right living
 5. Renders believers fully _____ & equipped for good works

Take-Away

Two Powerful Influences

1. Keep _____ those who _____ you from the beginning
 - The content of their teaching; the _____ of their character
 - _____ those who have invested in your life
2. The _____ - the Bible _____ the Word of God!
 - What was _____ view of Scripture? (Lk. 24:44; Jn. 1:1, 14)

Two Important Purposes of Scripture

1. Leads us to _____
 2. Makes us _____ for Christian life and service (1 Pet. 2:2)
 - God revealed Himself / His plan – He taught us how to _____
 - My response to the Word of God
 - a) _____ it – hear / read / _____ / memorize / _____
- Importance of regular study:*

- b) _____ it
- c) _____ it
- d) _____ it

Discussion Questions and Action Steps:

1. List the names of three people who have impacted your life spiritually. Then note what it was / is about them that has impacted your life.
 - Take some time to thank the Lord for them. If possible, take opportunity to thank them as well.
2. Write down on a piece of paper or in your journal a few brief statements in response to: *this is what I believe about the Scriptures* (the Bible). Use Scripture references where appropriate.

When you are finished, discuss your responses with another or others in a group. At this point you may also wish to look at the RBC Statement of Beliefs (on the website) to see what it says about the Bible.

3. Read Ephesians 4:25-32. State all of the “pairs” of *reproof* and *correction* in the passage.

Note any application steps for your life from your study.

4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?