

# Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 18

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## Day 1 Verse 16

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1. What does it mean that all Scripture is inspired by God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Is there any Scripture that is not inspired by God?
  - a. Was everything the Apostles wrote inspired?

3. Because the Bible is inspired by God, it is also sufficient. What does it mean that the Word of God is sufficient?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read Revelation 22:18-19. What do these verses add to your understanding of how the Word of God is sufficient?
  - a. The modern-day church does not believe the Scripture is sufficient. How does this manifest itself? Or, what sorts of things do people chase after to encounter God or attempt to change themselves?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the result of failing to understand the doctrine of inspiration and sufficiency?

**Heart-Check**

How have you previously viewed Scripture?

Do you read Scripture as if you are hearing the very voice of God, words breathed out for you?

Is there anything you have been substituting in the place of God's Word?

## **Day 2** Verse 16

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1. What do these verses tell us about Scripture?
  - a. Psalm 19:7
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

c. John 20:31

d. Matthew 5:18

e. Hebrews 4:12

2. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. Why should Scripture be the lens that interprets our experiences and not the other way around?

3. The writing of Scripture is said to have "dual authorship." How does 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 1 Thessalonians 2:13 help you understand this?

4. How do we know that Scripture is perfect and without error? What attributes of God does this point to?

**Heart-Check**

Have you ever questioned the Word of God? Who then is the authority when we do this?

Is Scripture your greatest treasure? Is this evident from how you spend your time and order your life?

Where do you run to hear the voice of God? Your spouse? Friends? Social Media? Podcasts?

**Day 3 Verse 16**

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1. What does it mean for something to be profitable in teaching?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are the 4 areas “the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How does Scripture reprove us?
  - a. How should we receive reproof?

4. Using a Biblical resource(s) define *correction* (*epanorthōsis*).
  - a. How does Scripture correct us?
  - b. According to Hebrews 12:10, what is the purpose of discipline (correction)?
  - c. What are the benefits of discipline?
  - d. Is discipline only the correction of wrong things, or is it also the removal of good things that are in the way of growth and greater maturity?

5. How does Scripture train us in righteousness?

**Heart-Check**

Reproof or rebuke is the negative side of teaching. Do you often approach God's Word and preaching asking the Lord to reprove or rebuke you?

How do you respond when someone reproves or rebukes you? Do you get defensive? Blame others? How will this be a stumbling block to your maturity and conformity to Christ?

One of our responsibilities is to receive the 4 qualities in this list, but it is also our responsibility to be used by God to bring these qualities to others. Are you faithful to others in this area?





b. Equipped

4. Is there anything else Timothy needed to be adequate and equipped?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the good work our leaders are adequate and equipped for? See Acts 6:4; Ephesians 4:12-16; and Colossians 1:28.

**Heart-Check**

Is the Word of God adequate for you or have you been putting other things in its place?

When you seek to put other things in the place of God's Word, which is God's own revelation of Himself, what are you saying to God? Who are you really rejecting?

What does this tell you about your relationship with God?

**Day 5** Verses 16-17 (Further study of the Sufficiency and nature of Scripture)

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1. According to these verses, what does the Word of God do for us when we treasure it, study it, and learn from it?

- a. Psalm 1:1-3

- b. Psalm 119:11

- c. Psalm 119:105

d. Matthew 4:4

e. John 15:7

f. Romans 10:17

g. Romans 15:4

h. Hebrews 4:12

2. Read Psalm 19:7-12. List all the words used to describe Scripture.

a. How do current methodologies and ideologies (like psychology) miss the mark and pale in comparison to the Word?

b. Why are people quick to discredit the God who created them and whose Words are infallible, sufficient, inerrant, and adequate for life?

**Heart-Check**

Do you believe the promise of 2 Peter 1: 3?

Have you ever turned people to lesser things when attempting to help or counsel their situation?

Have you been taught that worldly ideologies, cloaked in Christian language, are the answers to their problems?

## **Dig Deeper**

1. Listen to Erin's teaching on these verses:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYfM3qy5izU>
2. Listen to Abner Chou's excellent sermon on the Verifiability of Scripture:  
<https://www.gracechurch.org/sermons/18630>
3. Read and pray through Psalm 119, noting all the wonderful claims the Psalmist makes about Scripture.