

## What God Says About ... Understanding Your Bible

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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### **2 Timothy 3:14 (ESV)**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

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and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

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that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## **1. The Bible is Limitless in Its Depth**

### **2 Timothy 3:14 (ESV)**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed ...

### **1 Peter 2:2 (ESV)**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

## **Creation - Fall - Promise - Redemption - Restoration**

## **2. The Bible is Personal in Its Message**

### **2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)**

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings ...

### **Psalms 119:11 (ESV)**

I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

**To read your Bible consistently ...**

- **Select a place for reading.**
- **Select a time for reading.**
- **Select a system for reading.**

### **3. The Bible is Redemptive in Its Purpose**

#### **2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)**

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

#### **Romans 10:17 (ESV)**

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

#### **1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)**

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

#### **1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)**

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

### **4. The Bible is Unfailing in Its Truth**

#### **2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)**

All Scripture is breathed out by God ...

#### **John 17:17 (ESV)**

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

#### **Matthew 5:18 (ESV)**

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

#### **Numbers 23:19 (ESV)**

God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?

#### **Deuteronomy 32:4 (ESV)**

“The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.

#### **2 Peter 1:19 (ESV)**

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

#### **2 Peter 1:20 (ESV)**

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.

#### **2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)**

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## **5. The Bible is Profitable in Its Impact**

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### **2 Timothy 3:17 (ESV)**

that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

### **Psalms 119:18 (ESV)**

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

### **Psalms 119:129 (ESV)**

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

## **10 Application Questions to Ask When You Read Your Bible**

1. Is there an attribute of God to praise?
2. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
3. Is there a command to obey?
4. Is there an example to follow?
5. Is there an idea to meditate on?
6. Is there a principle to apply?
7. Is there a promise to claim?
8. Is there a sin to avoid?
9. Is there a warning to heed?
10. Is there a verse to memorize?