

# 2 Timothy 3:16

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Well, good morning. It's good to be here. We're going to be looking at the word of God today, specifically at the book of 2 Timothy chapter 3 and verse 16. It says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

You know, we live in a day and time where the Bible is often questioned. It's attacked. It's ridiculed. People try to find fault with it. They try to prove that it's not the word of God. But I'm here to tell you today that the Bible is the inspired word of God. It is profitable for everything that we need in our lives.

We're going to look at the three applications of scripture that are mentioned in this verse. The first is doctrine, the second is reproof, and the third is correction, and the fourth is instruction in righteousness.

## I. The Bible is Profitable

The Bible is profitable for doctrine. Doctrine is simply the teaching of the Bible. It's what we believe. It's what we hold to be true. And the Bible is full of doctrine. It tells us who God is, who Jesus Christ is, who the Holy Spirit is. It tells us about salvation, about heaven, about hell. It tells us about the church, about the family, about everything that we need to know.

You know, I've heard people say, "Well, I don't need to go to church. I don't need to read the Bible. I can figure things out on my own." But that's not true. We need the word of God to guide us. We need it to teach us. We need it to show us the way.

I remember one time, I was in a prayer meeting, and we were praying for a brother who was going through a difficult time. And as we were praying, I felt like the Lord was telling me to share a scripture with him. And so, I shared 2 Timothy 3:16 with him. And he said, "You know, I've never really thought about that before." And he went home and he read it, and it just opened up his eyes to the power of the word of God.

The Bible is also profitable for reproof. Reproof means to correct or to rebuke. And the Bible does that. It shows us when we're wrong. It shows us when we're sinning. And it calls us to repentance.

You know, it's easy to get caught up in our own ways. It's easy to think that we're doing okay. But the Bible is like a mirror. It shows us ourselves as we really are. And it calls us to change.

I remember one time, I was struggling with a particular sin in my life. And I was trying to justify it. I was trying to make excuses for it. But then I read a passage in the Bible that just convicted me. It showed me that what I was doing was wrong. And I had to repent.

The Bible is also profitable for correction. Correction means to set right or to amend. And the Bible does that. It shows us how to live. It shows us how to walk in the ways of the Lord.

You know, we all make mistakes. We all fall short. But the Bible is there to help us get back on track. It shows us how to correct our course.

I remember one time, I was making a decision that I thought was right. But then I read a passage in the Bible that showed me that I was wrong. And I had to correct my course.

The Bible is also profitable for instruction in righteousness. Instruction means to teach or to train. And righteousness means to do what is right. And the Bible teaches us how to do what is right. It shows us how to live a life that is pleasing to God.

You know, it's not enough to just know what is right. We have to do it. And the Bible teaches us how to do that.

I remember one time, I was asked to do something that I knew was wrong. But I did it anyway. And I regretted it. But then I read a passage in the Bible that taught me about the importance of doing what is right. And I learned my lesson.

## II. Three Applications of Scripture

Now, the Bible is not just for us to read. It's for us to apply. And there are three main ways that we can apply scripture.

## III. Historical Application

The first is historical application. This is when we look at the Bible and we see what God has done in the past. We see how he has worked in the lives of people. And we learn from those examples.

For example, when we read about Noah, we see how God saved him and his family from the flood. When we read about Abraham, we see how God blessed him and made him the father of many nations. When we read about Moses, we see how God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt.

You know, the Bible is full of historical accounts. And they are there for us to learn from. They show us God's faithfulness. They show us his power. They show us his love.

I remember one time, I was going through a difficult situation, and I was feeling discouraged. And I read about how God delivered the Israelites from the Red Sea. And it just gave me hope. It reminded me that God is able to do anything.

The Bible says in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." This is a historical application. It tells us what Jesus did. He came to save us.

It also says in 2 Peter 2:7, "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked." This is another historical application. It shows us how God delivered Lot from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

## IV. Doctrinal Application

The second application of scripture is doctrinal application. This is when we look at the Bible and we learn about God's truth. We learn about his plan for salvation. We learn about his will for our lives.

For example, when we read about the Ten Commandments, we learn about God's law. When we read about the teachings of Jesus, we learn about his will for us. When we read about the epistles, we learn about how to live as Christians.

You know, doctrine is important. It's the foundation of our faith. And the Bible is full of doctrine. It tells us what we need to believe.

I remember one time, I was confused about a certain aspect of my faith. And I went to the Bible, and I found the answers that I was looking for. It just cleared up all my confusion.

The Bible says in Psalms 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." This is a doctrinal application. It tells us that we should hide God's word in our hearts.

It also says in Malachi chapter 3, that Israel gets burned but it never gets consumed. This is a doctrinal application. It shows us that God will purify his people, but he will never destroy them.

## V. Inspirational Application

The third application of scripture is inspirational application. This is when we look at the Bible and we are encouraged. We are motivated. We are strengthened.

For example, when we read about the promises of God, we are inspired. When we read about the victory of Jesus over death, we are encouraged. When we read about the hope of eternal life, we are strengthened.

You know, life can be tough. We all face challenges. But the Bible is there to lift us up. It gives us hope. It gives us strength.

I remember one time, I was feeling really down. And I read a passage in the Bible that just lifted my spirits. It reminded me that God is with me. And that he will never leave me nor forsake me.

The Bible says in Revelation chapter 19 verse 11, that the second coming of Christ is described. Christ doesn't have a sword either. That sharp sword comes out of his mouth. This is an inspirational application. It tells us about the power of God's word.

It also says in Daniel chapter 2, that a stone was cut without hands. This is an inspirational application. It shows us that God's kingdom will never be destroyed.

And in Revelation chapter 12 and 13, it talks about the Antichrist, like into a lion, like into a bear. This is an inspirational application. It shows us that God is in control of all things.

You know, David didn't have a sword in his hand. You know how David defeated Goliath? He defeated him with the word of God. He said, "I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts." And then you defeat him with a stone. This is an inspirational application. It shows us that we can defeat our enemies with the word of God.

## VI. Conclusion

So, as you can see, the Bible is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. It is profitable for historical, doctrinal, and inspirational applications.

I encourage you today to read the word of God. Study it. Apply it to your lives. And let it transform you. Because the Bible is the inspired word of God. And it is the only thing that can truly save you.

Thank you.