

## Living Biblically II Timothy 3:16-17

Intro: As I look at what is happening under the label of "Christianity", I see an ever-growing trend on the part of those who call themselves Christian to make decisions and behaving in a way that they cannot support from the Scriptures. There is a growing number of believers who spend very little, if any, time in their Bible. Yet these same people make decisions that are supposed to be Christ-honoring; however, their words and actions often are not. We are admonished to *Study to show ourselves approved unto God, workers that need not be ashamed, because we rightly divide the Word of Truth.* 2 Timothy 2:15 (paraphrase mine) I want to consider the subject "Living Biblically" for the next few Sundays. When we think Biblically, it will radically impact the way we live. When we behave Biblically, we will see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the defeat of Satan's influence in our personal life. We begin this study by looking at the doctrine of inspiration. (In the adult Sunday School Class, David Bright has been doing an excellent study on the authority of the Scripture. This is not to improve on what he has thoroughly done already. However, I must \_\_\_\_\_, for this series, the importance of the Scripture in the Christian's life.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures for the believer
- A. *We live in an era of postmodern influence that advocates that there are no absolutes and that everyone's opinion is of equal value.* Dr. John MacArthur
1. This type of mentality has crept into our Bible believing churches.
  2. In truth, it does not matter what our opinions are, what really matters is that we take the Scripture at face value and interpret the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_. We must, as individual believers, develop and maintain a high view of the authority of the Scriptures in our individual life. Our thinking and reasoning must be regulated by the truth of the Word of God.
- B. The born-again believer understands that there is an \_\_\_\_\_ over his/her life that comes directly from the mind of a Holy God—the Bible.
1. Having been delivered from sinfulness, we recognize our \_\_\_\_\_ to make God-honoring decisions without supernatural intervention.
  2. We understand that there has been given to us a \_\_\_\_\_ influence from the mind of the one true God—the Bible, interpreted by the Holy Spirit who lives within us.
  3. As believers we understand our need of \_\_\_\_\_ reliance upon and total obedience to the plan of God for our life found in the Scriptures.
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ to every believer
- A. Our greatest challenge to accepting the total authority of the Scripture over our life is the old \_\_\_\_\_. On our own we are unable to live Biblically, even \_\_\_\_\_ we are saved!
1. The Apostle Paul eloquently described this in **Romans 7:14-24a**  
14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! **NKJV**
  2. The Apostle Paul also described what the \_\_\_\_\_ goal of every believer should be  
**Phil 4:10-14** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His

sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- B. Something or someone is going to greatly influence the way you think. Our greatest need is to change the way we \_\_\_\_\_ so that it conforms to the teaching of Scripture.
1. We must examine our thinking and reasoning in light of Biblical \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. We must allow the Scripture to be the guide for our conclusions in life about \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. We must be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ our thinking and reasoning when our thinking and reasoning does not agree with the clear teaching of the Word of God.

III. The Scriptures give the \_\_\_\_\_ we need for making every decision and for every action in us.

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- A. Scripture's authority—\_\_\_\_\_ Vs 16a
1. **All Scripture**-every \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible
  2. **Given by inspiration of God**-literally means "God-breathed", as in one breathing in oxygen and breathing out words using that oxygen.
- B. Scripture's \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 16b
1. **And is profitable**-\_\_\_\_\_ good, godly results in the hearer and doer of the Word *James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
  2. **Doctrine**-Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and principles that we hold to
  3. **Reproof**-the Bible shows when we are in \_\_\_\_\_ in our thinking or behavior
  4. **Correction**-once shown our error, the Bible shows us how to \_\_\_\_\_ the error
  5. **Instruction in righteousness**-once we have been corrected by the Scriptures, we are then taught by the Bible how to \_\_\_\_\_ from error and sinful Living, thus living a life that is "right with God-righteousness".
- C. Scripture's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 17
1. **The man of God**-the \_\_\_\_\_ in general. Not a reference to just preachers.
  2. **Perfect**-spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ for where he/she is in their personal relationship with Christ
  3. **Thoroughly furnished unto all good works**
    - a. **Thoroughly furnished**
      - (1) Through and through (illus. A rag soaked in water is completely \_\_\_\_\_ with the water)
      - (2) Fully \_\_\_\_\_-Having everything necessary to fulfill the commands of Scripture
    - b. **Unto all good works**
      - (1) This is \_\_\_\_\_ advocating a works or performance-based Christianity
      - (2) The concept taught here is that which flows from the life of the "thoroughly saturated" believer is going to be Biblical, obedient, \_\_\_\_\_ (not as man defines it, but as the Word of God defines it)

Concl: It is my desire that the Holy Spirit will convict and convince us individually of where our \_\_\_\_\_ is not in agreement with the Scripture, and that He will change us to become more like the Son of God-the Lord Jesus Christ. In order for this to happen, we must make time to be in the Word of God-reading and studying it. 2 Timothy 2:15-*Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*