2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NKJV)

15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

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

- First, the Word of God is infallible.- without error!
- Second, the Word of God is complete. The Bible does not need any new chapters or verses. It is all given to us already. Verbal Plenary Inspiration of the Bible... Full Complete- In Revelation 22:18-19, God gives us a warning, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."
- Third, the Word of God is totally authoritative. The book of Psalms 119:89 says "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven."
- Fourth, God's Word is totally sufficient for all of our needs. We don't need anything else. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 it reads "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work
- And fifth, the Word of God will accomplish what it promises. If God told you something will happen, and you wait, it will happen. In Isaiah 55:11 it says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

## LEARN IT

- 2 Timothy 2:15King James Version (KJV)
- 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NKJV)

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, (origin)

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Because the Word is the means that God uses to speak to us, we need to love it and use it.

# By My Duty to Read It

#### **LOVE IT**

- 1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)
- 1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,
- 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,
- 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Psalm 119:10-12 (NKJV)

- 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

## LIVE IT

#### Not hearers but doers of the word.

- 1 John 2:3-6 (NKJV)
- 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
  - God's Word leads us to salvation
  - The Scriptures guide our steps. Psalm 119:105 (NKJV) Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
  - God's Word directs us to wisdom. "The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple"
  - It lifts our burden. Psalm 119:28 (NKJV) My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.
  - Because the Lord is interested in every aspect of our lives, we can run to His Word in our pain, grief, loneliness, or sickness and receive help in our time of trouble (
  - **The Word of God brings joy.** If we love the Word, we'll find great joy and comfort in reading it (Ps. 119:111).
  - The Scriptures give peace. Perhaps the most desired possession in the world is peace, but it can only be found in the Lord. Psalm 119:165 (NKJV)
  - 165 Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.