

2 Timothy 3:15-16

Instructions to Timothy
Guiding, Growing, Guarding!



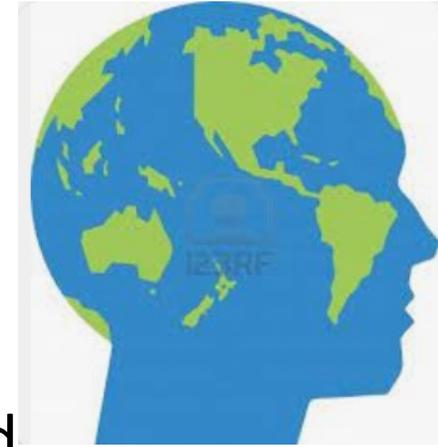
A Proper Response to God



give thanks
TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.



~We needed essential knowledge that we did not have! The knowledge of God was long lost – claimed by the changeover of generations. We needed to know about God’s essential activity in human history to bridge and impassible gap between Himself and the human race. The bottom line is that we just needed to know ***so many things that we couldn’t possibly have known unless our Creator/God told us.***



~The Bible is a book of instructions given to us by the One who engineered and put us together. In the scriptures we learn that we were created to be **intellectual, emotional, and relational** beings

~If we don’t ***get it*** - if we don’t understand or succeed in gaining these qualities in time, we don’t succeed in life!

~Scripture/the Bible, begins with the **origins** of chaos and death. He is the only eyewitness remaining, so the Creator told us who and what we are and how we got that way and how the world got to be the way it is!



~The scriptures also begin by explaining the rift between humanity and God, and the great and ugly falling out we had with our Creator.

~The scriptures explain the need for God, the need for the truth, the need for knowing **ourselves**, for learning how to love and to do relationships well, and finally we need legitimate purpose! *An illustration from “The Sea Wolf” - Jack London – The darkness of those with false assumptions.

~We needed **an instruction book for life**, and He gave us one – the Bible!

[2 Tim. 3:16] – “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,..”

~It says here that God’s word is useful for teaching - for **rebuking** and for **correcting us**. The assumption is that we will need it! The scriptures targets our normally deficient character and reveals to us where we have gone wrong.

~We know where we’ve gone wrong because we are feeling the miserable effects/ consequences associated with wrong **belief system and practices!!**

~We carry all these diseased characteristics within us – some of us have in more intensely than others. But we **all** have it in us or the potential for it!

~So, all humans are in need of it, but most are uninterested. Christ-followers, on the other hand acknowledge our constant need of course correction.

~Likewise, that is also the scripture’s role in the life of the Christ-follower. It is not pleasant to be told “no - stop doing that”! We are not in charge, and neither should we be. The scriptures were designed to powerfully transport us to connect with our Creator/God.

~But if we want dynamic connection with God, then we must know the word of God, and make the effort to know it! The more we know of it, the greater its potential impact!



[Heb. 4:12] “For the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating...”.

~The 1-dimensional words take on 3-dimensional proportions, springing into action in our brain and in our soul! He uses what we know of His word to convince/convict us of our own wrongdoing/sin.

~Those who are “in Christ” become repentant for who we are!

~But we are perpetually ***so very grateful*** that we are forgiven “***in Christ***”. After true repentance, we can move forward again into the new life(creation) of God!

~[Col. 3:16-17] – “***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach,.. admonish,.. sing,.. with gratitude in your hearts to God.***”

~[1 Thess. 5:16-18] “***Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all things,..***

~The sole purpose of scripture is to leads us to Him that we might have fellowship with Him –returning to the purpose for which we were created!

