

*Sermon Outline October 2, 2016*  
*“The Word of God is Profitable...”*  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 19:7-11*

*I. God’s Word is Profitable -*

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJ)

1. *It inspired by God, God breathed!*
2. *Profitable ... profitable in what ways?*
  - A. *For doctrine – teaching, truth about God, man, sin, angels, devils, Heaven, Hell...*
  - B. *For reproof, for correction -*

Internet Definition of reproof - an expression of blame or disapproval

Merriam-Webster’s definition of reproof

- criticism or blame
- a statement that criticizes or blames someone

The word “correction” also implies a need of fixing, a setting of something straight.

The Bible teaches we need to be set straight in regard to glorifying God, because –  
... **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJ)**

*We have all sinned, we have all MESSED UP, and we have all erred in regard to God’s glory, the Bible tells us this!*

*Jesus tells us -*

**"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (Matthew 15:19 NKJ)**  
*Our problem is a HEART PROBLEM , serious, internal, not peripheral or superficial -*

*The bible is profitable for reproof and correction basically because it helps us clean up our act!*

- C. *The Bible is profitable because like a mirror, it shows us our*

*spiritual warts and also tells us how to deal with them –*

**But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;<sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. (James 1:22-24 NKJ)**

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJ)**

- D. *Note God’s Word uses the word “profitable” not popular, why?*  
*Because truthfully, many people close their ears to God’s Word and Wisdom –*

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7 NKJ)**

*God’s word is profitable for instruction in righteousness – 2 Timothy 3:16;*  
*However FOOLS despise wisdom and instruction –*

**Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.<sup>21</sup> She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:<sup>22</sup> "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.<sup>23</sup> Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,<sup>25</sup> Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,<sup>27</sup> When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. (Proverbs 1:20-27 NKJ)**

3. *What is popular? The way to destruction is popular, and most people go that way –*

**"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.<sup>14</sup> "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NKJ)**

*One of the great failures of the church, why we have not had more impact on an ungodly world, is we have played up to, or pandered to the felt needs of fools rather than speaking to the real needs of sinners! The NEED of a sinner is for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, The world cries WE NEED\_\_\_\_\_ they always say, we need less REBUKE, less doctrine, reproof and correction!*

II. *How profitable is God's Word? It is so profitable that it thoroughly equips us, for EVERY GOOD WORK –*

<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJ)

1. *Note, who is the target of the profitableness of God's Word in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:17 - the man of God*

*Proverbs 1 tells us Wisdom calls aloud outside; and there is definitely a Word which is attempting to win lost souls, yet this Word in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 is addressed to the man of God! It is address to us, those who desire to glorify God!*

2. *How? In what ways is God's Word, profitable to us?*

A. *First generally, the Bible thoroughly equips us, for every good work –*

Thorough - complete with regard to every detail; not superficial or partial:

Every - (preceding a singular noun) used to refer to all the individual members of a set without exception:

*Meaning anything that is in any way really a good work, God's Word is ALL YOU NEED to do that thing! Wow!*

B. *We are the ones in need of the doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, We need to humbly receive God's Word for we are sinners too and still –*

**The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. (Psalm 25:9 NKJ)**

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (James 1:21 NKJ)

C. *God's Word is our good food, conducive to life –*

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4 NKJ)

D. *God's Word has great value and is sweet, pleasurable – More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:10 NKJ)*

*It gains us the ultimate pleasure –*

**You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11 NKJ)**

E. *It guides our path - NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 NKJ)*

F. *It warns and leads us to rewards –*

**Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:11 NKJ)**

G. *It has power to change and improve us –*

**The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; (Psalm 19:8 NKJ)**

H. *The Word of God is essential to our spiritual health, growth and prosperity, we are blessed if we study (and live) it diligently –*

**Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. <sup>4</sup> The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:1-6 NKJ)**

*Those who are blessed, in the keeping of God's Word, can also be blessings - I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:3 NKJ)*

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 NKJ)

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