



Part 1 (Lesson 6)

The Importance of God's Word: Part 2

I. The Value of God's Word to Our Lives

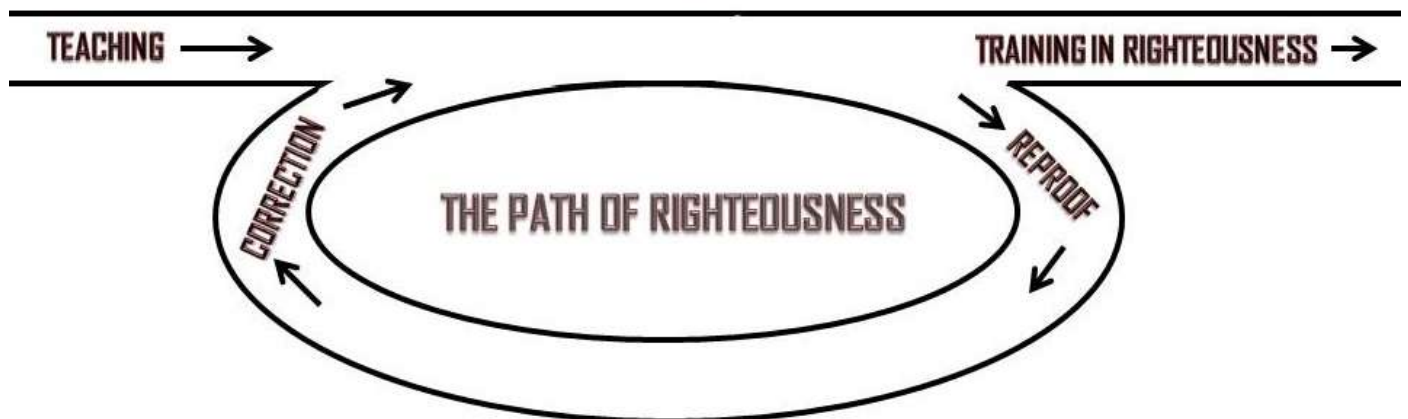
A. How much of the Bible is inspired by God? (2 Timothy 3:16) **(All of the Bible)**

What is it profitable for? (1) **(Teaching)** (2) **(Reproof)**

(3) **(Correction)** (4) **(Training In Righteousness)**

2 Timothy 3:16

(Illustration)



“Teaching” – Showing us how to get on the path of righteousness

“Reproof” – Showing us when we have gotten off of the path of righteousness

“Correction” – Showing us how to get back on the path of righteousness when we err

“Training in Righteousness” – Showing us how to stay on the path of righteousness

B. Matthew 7:24-27 - What can building our lives on God's Word do for us? **(Building our lives on God's Word will cause our lives to be built on a solid foundation so we can withstand the most difficult of circumstances. Note that the same rain, wind and floods are described as coming against both those who hear and act upon Jesus' words as those**

who do not. Also notice that a solid foundation is not built by just hearing but by hearing and acting upon Jesus' words.)

Compare with Colossians 2:8 remembering that John 1:1-14 teaches us that Jesus Christ is "The Word" - **(We must avoid building our lives on the philosophies and empty deceptions of men and must build our lives on Christ. Jesus is "the Word" and we know Him through the Bible. We build our lives upon Christ by building our lives upon the teachings of the Bible. (Note also – Colossians 2:2-3 – All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ.)**

C. Joshua 1:8 What can God's Word do for us? **(Make us to prosper and to have success) (Note – Meditate on the Bible and be careful to do all that is in it!)**

D. Matthew 4:4 What does man live by? **(Bread or physical food for our body and the Word of God to feed our spirit)**

E. Deuteronomy 8:1-3 What is God trying to teach us? **(The Manna that came down from heaven each day to feed the children of Israel was a type or picture of the Word of God that is given to us to feed our spirit each day.) (Note – Think of how God allowed an entire nation to experience this extreme situation in order to teach this critical truth!!!)**

F. Job 23:12 How much should we treasure God's Word? **(More than our necessary food to feed our body. Note – Our bodies are temporal but our spirits are eternal!)**

II. The Power of God's Word

A. What does Jesus say about His Word in John 6:63? **(His words are spirit and they are life!) (Note the importance of Jesus' words being spirit)**

B. What does Hebrews 4:12 tell us about God's Word? **(It is alive and active – It is alive in the spiritual realm. It is active which indicates it is accomplishing something in us, even when we don't feel like it is.) (It reveals the intentions of our hearts as well)**

C. Who is the Word? (John 1:1,14) (Revelation 19:13) **(Jesus Christ)**

III. Our Responsibility Toward God's Word

A. What do the following verses tell us about our responsibility to God's Word?

1. Joshua 1:8 **(We need to meditate on the Word of God continually and we need to be careful to do according to all that is written in it.) (Note – “Be careful to do ...”)**
2. Mathew 7:24-27 **(We need to hear Jesus' words (by reading and/or listening to the Bible and we need to do what Jesus said to do.)**
3. James 1:22-25 **(We need to be more than a hearer of the Word because we will quickly forget it. We need to be a doer of the Word.)**
4. John 14:21 **(We need to show that we love God by hearing His Word and keeping it.)**
5. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 **(We need to fear God and keep His commandments.)**

B. Luke 10:38-42 (Read carefully 3 times)

1. What was Martha doing? **(Good things – Serving others and attending to the basic tasks that were before her.)**
2. What was Mary doing? **(Sitting at Jesus' feet, listening to His words and learning from Him.)**
3. What did Jesus say was necessary? **(Listening to His words and learning from them.)**
4. What should be the most important part of our day and of our lives? _____

Additional Thoughts about your view of, and commitment to the Bible

(Note – When I (Rick McGough) first came to understand the truth found within these scriptures I realized that I must make a commitment to read my Bible every day. I saw that my spirit is fed by the Word of God just as my body is fed by physical food. I

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