

**Verses: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**

*<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

All Scripture is divinely inspired by God and is helpful or advantageous for instruction – learning and teaching. It exposes our wrongdoings – convict us – and straighten us up – correct us. It also tutors us in right living and godly character. It is Jesus coming through the pages of our Bibles through the work and revelation of the Holy Spirit.

It is what causes us to grow into maturity in Christ and it also gives us all the equipment we need to persevere in ungodly and hostile environments and still do good.

Paul, in his final words to Timothy strongly exhorts him on the importance of the Word of God in his life. He goes on to charge him to preach the word, so others can also be edified, strengthened, saved and equipped, so the work of God can continue.

And it has! In his book Questions of Life, Nicky Gumbel writes that it is estimated that more than 44 million Bibles are sold every year! He then quotes the London Times reporting that 'As usual the top seller by several miles was the Bible. If cumulative sales of the Bible were frankly reflected in best-seller lists, it would be a rare week when anything else would achieve a look in.'

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." These exact words are recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke. If Jesus' life and teachings are embodied in the Word of God and His words will not pass away, ought we not pay it its due attention and give it priority in our lives?

Let's get equipped for every good work by applying ourselves to learning and obeying the Word of God.

**Prayer:**

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for not leaving us in the dark, but for sending your Son to save us and for giving us the light of your Word and your Holy Spirit to help us. I honour you and love you. Thank you Jesus, for giving us people to teach and equip us in your Word. Help me to give your Word priority in my life, in Jesus' name. Amen.