



Life's Foundation

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Timothy 3

If we stand back and look at 2 Timothy 3, we can summarize it in a few key statements. The world will get worse, do not be surprised. Tough times are coming, do not be discouraged. It is easier to stand strong if you do not stand alone. Believers who build their lives on the Bible may be persecuted, but they will never be defeated. Therefore, build your life on the Word of God to survive the coming hard times.

Make the Bible the foundation of your life. Love it and believe it and obey it and follow it and then teach it to others. This will make you strong and give you confidence when trouble comes your way. Knowing the Bible now can save your life later. We never outgrow the Word of God. We will always need it as the foundation of the church. You need it in your life, and I need it in my life. The Word of God will make you complete so you are ready to do everything God wants you to do.

2 Timothy 3:16 describes the importance of studying and applying God's Word. In this passage, the apostle Paul says, *"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."*

Simply put, the scripture is given to change our beliefs and our behavior. When you spend daily time reading and studying God's Word, it is helpful to answer these four questions. This daily practice will help build a strong foundation for your life.

- Teaching: What should I believe?
- Rebuking: Where do I fall short?
- Correction: What will I do about it?
- Training in Righteousness: How should I behave?

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. This church does. That is why the Bible has such a high position around here. That is why our church spends thousands of dollars on Christian education and discipleship. We believe the Bible is the Word of God and we are going to build our life's foundation on it.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for Your Word. How grateful I am that I have access to Your Word so I can know truth for my life. Please help me honor You not only by reading my Bible, but also by understanding, applying and obeying it. It is in Your name I pray. Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: 2 Timothy 4

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