

June 10, 2018

## Words From God 2 Timothy 3:1-17 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

Vol. 8 Num. 23

### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

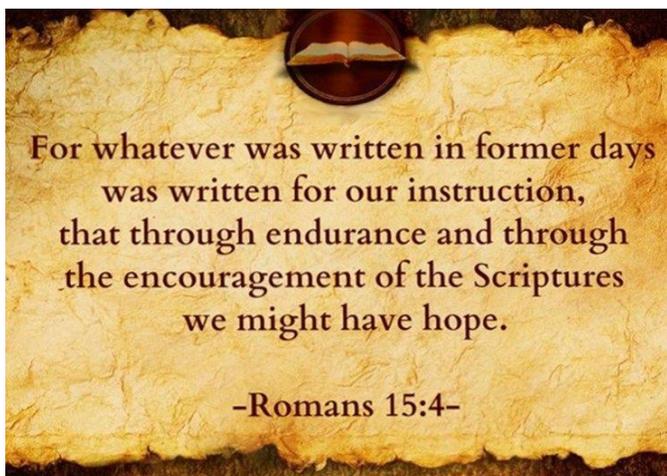
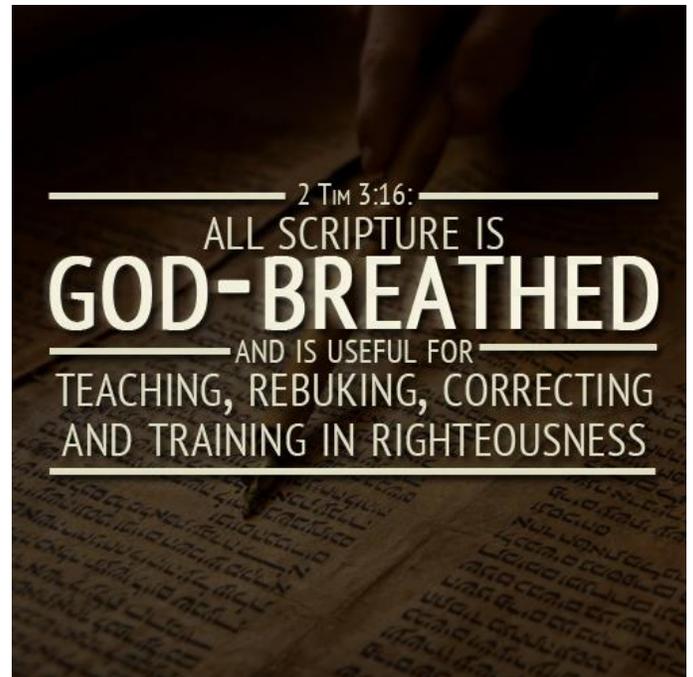
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In 2 Timothy 3 Paul warrens his readers about treacherous people. Today we must be on the lookout for these same type of people; people that are not following the Word of God but claim to. Unfortunately there many people in our world today that give the appearance of religion only to lead people astray. It is not anything new, these types of people go all the way back to Moses and before. However, we have the greatest resource to overcome false teachers. The bible we have today is the very breath of God. It equips us and trains us to do God's work. This week we will talk about how important it is to instill the Word of God in your heart so that no one can lead you astray.

## 2 Timothy 3 New English Translation

### Ministry in the Last Days

**3** But understand this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, opposed to what is good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, loving pleasure rather than loving God. <sup>5</sup>They will maintain the outward appearance of religion but will have repudiated its power. So avoid people like these. <sup>6</sup>For some of these insinuate themselves into households and captivate weak women who are overwhelmed with sins and led along by various passions. <sup>7</sup>Such women are always seeking instruction, yet never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these people—who have warped minds and are disqualified in the faith—also oppose the truth. <sup>9</sup>But they will not go much further, for their foolishness will be obvious to everyone, just like it was with Jannes and Jambres.

#### **🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

### Continue in What You Have Learned

<sup>10</sup>You, however, have followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my endurance, <sup>11</sup>as well as the persecutions and sufferings that happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, and in Lystra. I endured these persecutions and the Lord delivered me from them all. <sup>12</sup>Now in fact all who want to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup>But evil people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived themselves. <sup>14</sup>You, however, must continue in the things you have learned and are confident about. You know who taught you <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. How can a person be all that is described in verses 2-4 and still maintain the appearance of religion as it says in verse 5?
9. How come the women of verse 7 cannot find the truth?
10. Who are Jannes and Jambres mentioned in verse 8?

11. How does Timothy know the truth?

12. What are the Holy Writings that Paul refers to?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. How can we make sure that we are not deceived and that we know the truth?

14. How can the scripture equip us? What does it equip us for?

15. How can we be sure that we have wisdom needed to follow God's plan?

16. If we live Godly lives according to Scripture should we expect persecution?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...