

This Book – This Year
The Usefulness of Scripture

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

Series Theme: Take in the Scriptures so they will take hold of you.

Today's message: Take in the Scriptures because of their usefulness in your life.

How Scripture is useful:

1. It tells us what to _____

a. It teaches the _____

*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:17***

*Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. **Acts 17:11***

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **Romans 15:4***

b. It refutes _____

² Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **2 Timothy 4:2-4**

2. It shows us how to _____

a. It corrects _____ behavior

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word... ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:9,11**

b. It trains in _____

*These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. **1 Corinthians 10:11***

3. It gives _____ to the _____

*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **Psalms 19:8***

*Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. **Psalms 119:111***

- **Making It Personal**