

**Subject: *The Most Important Book of All***

**Scripture: *2 Timothy 3:13-17***

Solomon wrote “of making many books there is no end.”

In school you read and study many books: Math, Science, History, English, and other books. All of these are important. If you want to learn about math, you need a math book, etc.

But one book stands out as the most important of all—the Bible. If you want to know God and His will, you must read and study the Bible. If you want to know about the beginning of the world and the end of time, you need to know the Bible.

### **1. Why is the Bible the most important book of all?**

In our text Paul was writing to Timothy, a young pastor. Four things stand out in the passage.

#### **A. Continue in the things you learned and are sure of (vs. 13-14)**

In times like these, you need the Bible. These are dark days and you need the light. There is much false teaching and you need the truth. Where can you turn? You turn to the Bible, the source of light and truth.

*Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

*Psalms 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

#### **B. Remember who taught you these things (vs. 14)**

Timothy had learned the Bible from Paul, and from his training at home as a child. He learned what they taught and he learned how important the Bible was because they believed and obeyed it.

*2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned (genuine) faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

#### **C. Remember the Bible is holy and given by God (vs. 15a, 16a)**

The Holy Scriptures = the sacred writings

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God = God-breathed

God is the author, the source of all Scripture.

*Psalms 19:7-11* <sup>7</sup> *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.* <sup>8</sup> *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.* <sup>9</sup> *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.* <sup>10</sup> *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.* <sup>11</sup> *Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

*2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

D. Remember what the Bible does (vs. 15b, 16b)

The text reminds us of the authority of Scripture and its ability.  
The Bible is perfect and it is powerful. God uses Scripture to accomplish His will.

It teaches us our need of salvation.  
It teaches us God's way of salvation.  
It teaches us how to live for Christ.

**2. What should we do with this most important book?**

A. Read the Bible

Read it consistently – read it every day, at least 1 chapter a day  
The Bible is like a foot lamp (Ps. 119:105).  
Read it completely – read it all from Genesis to Revelation  
Read it carefully – slow down, think about it, pray over it

B. Study the Bible

*2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

“Study” = be diligent, make every effort

“rightly dividing the word of truth” = cutting it straight (Paul was a tentmaker by trade and he made precise measurements and handled the material carefully).

Ask questions as you study: What does this passage teach about God? Christ? The Holy Spirit? Sin? Salvation? God's will?

C. Memorize the Bible

*Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

*Psalms 119:16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*

We usually make the effort to memorize what's really important to us.

D. Meditate on the Bible

*Psalms 119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.*

*Psalms 1:1-2* <sup>1</sup> *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.* <sup>2</sup> *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

E. Believe and obey the Bible

The most important book of all is the Bible, and we should treat it that way.  
It is the best of all books, and we should give it our best. Love it, learn it, and live it.