

QUESTION: **ARE YOU LOST?**

2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NIV84)

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.

FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD

- God's word provides our understanding of God
- The aim of God's word is to reveal God's saving purpose in Christ

Stott, J. R. W. (1973). *Guard the Gospel the message of 2 Timothy* (p. 101). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press:

What does [Paul] mean by 'all Scripture'? It seems to me not at all impossible that by this comprehensive expression he is including the two sources of Timothy's knowledge just mentioned, namely 'what you have learned' (sc. from me) and 'the sacred writings'. It is true that nowhere does the apostle explicitly call his Epistles 'Scripture'. Nevertheless, on a number of occasions he gets very near it, and he certainly directs that his letters be read publicly in the Christian assemblies, no doubt alongside Old Testament readings (e.g. Col. 4:16; 1 Thes. 5:27). Several times he claims to be speaking in the name and with the authority of Christ (e.g. 2 Cor. 2:17; 13:3; Gal. 4:14), and calls his message 'the word of God' (e.g. 1 Thes. 2:13). Once he says that, in communicating to others what God has revealed to him, he uses 'words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit' (1 Cor. 2:13). This is a claim to inspiration, indeed to verbal inspiration, which is the distinctive characteristic of 'Scripture'. Peter clearly regarded Paul's letters as Scripture, for in referring to them he calls the Old Testament 'the other scriptures' (2 Pet. 3:16).

ALLOW GOD'S WORD TO DIRECT YOUR STEPS

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GOD'S WORD WILL LEAD YOU HOME

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BREAKOUT The Key to a Godly life: **Make God's Word a light for your Path**