

THE BIBLE AS A TOOL FOR GROWTH

BIBLE VERSES: 2 Tim 3:16-17

The Bible is an incredible book of history and facts that proves that there is a God that created all things. Most important of all, the Bible is the Word of God. It contains the mind of God and His will for each one of our lives. That is why the Bible was given to us. Paul the Apostle says in [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*" The bible is therefore our tool for living our Christian life successfully here on earth.

If you have a new car, one of the first things to do is to read the instruction manual. Someone has said the Bible stands for **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**. God cares enough about us that he didn't just plunk us down here on the earth and say, "*Do the best you can! Hope you figure it all out! Good luck!*" He gave us an owner's manual. It tells us everything we need to know about Him, about us, and about life. But it doesn't do us a bit of good unless we read it! Read God's instruction manual!

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1) Why is the bible important for your growth? Psalm 119:105, Eph 6:17, James 1:22-25, Psalm 1:1-3**

- 2) Discuss the main reasons the bible has been given to us. 2 Tim 3:16-17**

- 3) What are the most effective ways of getting instruction out of the bible as a life manual? James 1:22-25**

- 4) How can you get more value from the word of God?**