

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 259 Let's be thoroughly equipped by God

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES:** 2 Timothy 3:14-17



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

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Hebrews 10:23; John 13:35

### What does the Bible passage tell us?

In this passage, Paul is saying to Timothy that no matter what is going on around him, he needs to be focussed and determined to hold fast to what he knows to be true! That is actually very good advice for us, too. In this day, as much as in Paul's day, people are living how they like, without a care for God's law, or even the moral laws of society. The Bible encourages us to live a life that is pleasing to God. If we put Christ first, and keep Him as our guideline, we won't go far wrong. Without that sense of a strong compass, it would be so easy to be swept away and lose our faith in the chaos.

So, what does the Bible tell us? It gives us the ten commandments which are God's basic laws. It gives us Jesus' own words, which support those commandments and go further, telling us to LOVE our neighbours as ourselves. We have all the teachings of Paul to keep us on track, and he warns us of pitfalls that we need to avoid. All this will 'make us wise for salvation' as well as 'trained in righteousness.' But for what purpose? It is simply so that we can do all the good things God has called us to do. It is for His glory. It is for His blessing. It is for us to give our praise to God in the way we live. We were meant to be a blessing to each other, not to take advantage like the 'I'm alright Jack' attitude of so many. It's a challenge Paul is laying down to Timothy and us. But will we rise to it?

### Reflection

- It is good to stop and remind ourselves what God has done for us. What He has saved us from—sin, death and Hell. What He has saved us to—abundant life and freedom—now and in eternity with Him. Surely that should cause us to be willing to live a life that is pleasing to Him? It might take some effort. It might take some tough decisions. But do you think we will ever regret it?
- Think of some things that you can do today to make your future with God better. Can you pray more? Then start now. Can you read the Bible more? Then start now. Can you be kinder/more generous/more helpful/support others in chapel or on your wing? Then start now. Tell the chaplain about those decisions – it's good to share God with others.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.

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Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

