

What The Bible Can Mean To You

Introduction:

- A. A daddy tried to show off to the preacher visiting in his home by asking his little boy to get “the book we all know and love.” The little boy brought out “TV Guide.”
- B. The Bible should be the “the book we all know and love.”- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- C. What can the Bible mean to you.?

I. Subject: All Scripture (“graphie”: “writing” - 51 occurrences)

- A. Old Testament (49) - 2 Timothy 3:14-15
- B. New Testament (1) - 2 Peter 3:16
- C. the whole Bible (1) - text

II. Source: Inspiration of God - cf. Psalm 33:6

III. Use

- A. Doctrine: “teaching” - 2 John 9
- B. Reproof: “conviction ... for convicting one of his sinfulness” (Thayer. 202) - 2 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 4:12
- C. Correction: “lit., a restoration to an upright or right state... referring to an improvement of life and character” (Vine. 1:241) - Acts 26:16-18; Galatians 6:1
- D. Instruction in Righteousness
 - 1. instruction: “1. the whole training and education of children.... 2. whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, esp. by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions; hence a. instruction which aims at the increase of virtue” (Thayer, p. 473). - Ephesians 6:4
 - 2. righteousness: “the character or quality of being right or just.... conformity to the will of God” (Vine. 3:298-9) - Ephesians 4:24

IV. Purpose

- A. Perfect: “fitted, complete” (Vine, I, 220) - James 1:4
- B. Thoroughly Furnished unto All Good Works - Colossians 3:17; 2 Peter 1:8

Conclusion:

- A. Thus equipped, heaven will be our eternal home. - 2 Peter 1:10-11
- B. What a blessed book, the Bible!
 - Like a Star of the morning in its beauty,*
 - Like a Sun is the Bible to my soul,*
 - Shining clear on the way of love and duty,*
 - As I hasten on my journey to the goal* (H.B. Hartzler, “My Precious Bible”).
- C. Make it your rule of life and guide to heaven.