

GROWING IN THE LORD

Lesson #3 -Through the Word

Scripture Reading: 2Timothy 3:14-17

Introduction:

1. The word is our spiritual nourishment and is needed for growth.
2. We cannot grow in the Lord apart from His word.
3. How does the word help us grow spiritually?
4. We will examine 3 ways the word helps us to grow in the Lord...

I. KNOW ITS ORIGIN

A. CAME FROM GOD

1. Holy men spoke as they were moved... -2Pe 1:20, 21
2. Inspired of God -2Ti 3:16, 17

B. EVIDENCE OF INSPIRATION

1. Written over 1600 years by forty different authors
2. Consistency of theme throughout the word
3. Scientific evidence:
 - a. Paths in the sea (Matthew Maury) -Ps 8:8
 - b. The earth is hung on nothing -Job 26:7
 - c. Life is in the blood -Le 17:11

II. KNOW ITS AUTHORITY

A. JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY

1. He has all authority in heaven and on earth -Mt 28:18
2. His words were passed to the Spirit who passed them to the apostles -Jn 16:13; 2Pe 1:3

B. THE WORDS OF JESUS

1. His words set us free from sin -Jn 8:31, 32
2. His words will judge us in the last day -Jn 12:48

III. KNOW ITS BENEFITS

A. HELPS US DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

1. The meat of the word that helps us discern -He 5:12-14
2. E.g. Jesus -Mt 4:1-11

B. GIVES US EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO OVERCOME

1. The “Hall of Faith” -He 11:1-ff
2. Through faith they overcame
3. Through faith we can overcome various obstacles.

Conclusion:

1. The bible also gives us instructions concerning salvation.
2. When we hear and heed the word, we find salvation in Christ.