

**P.E.O.P.L.E.**  
**EXPLANATION**  
**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

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2. Our ministry to people is explaining to them the Word of God.
3. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (print text).
4. E is for explanation.

**I. POSITION OF GOD'S WORD**

**A. Completely Authoritative**

1. "All"
2. Not some words. Not some parts.
3. By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century "all scripture" had been completed and was formally recognized as such by the 4<sup>th</sup> century.
4. If part of the Bible is not true, none of it is true.
5. If, on occasion, I told you a lie, then you would question everything I said.
6. Illustration – Boy, S.S lesson, Moses

**B. Supernaturally Authoritative**

1. "All Scripture is inspired by God."
2. "Inspired by God" = God-breathed.

3. This is a critical doctrine of our faith and has been attacked by Satan from the very beginning.
4. Gen. 3:1, "Did God really say?"
5. The origin of Scripture came from God, but how did we get it? What role did man play?
6. 2 Peter 1:20-21, "First of all, you should know this: no prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, moved by the Holy Spirit, men spoke from God."
7. Why is this important?
8. If all Scripture is not inspired by God, we have no authority to say anything or do anything.
9. Notice he says that the Word of God is "profitable" or "useful."
10. It is useful because it is inspired.
11. When we minister to people by sharing and explaining the Word of God, what we say is based on its authority not our authority.
12. People don't need another opinion; they need the Word of God.
13. Jesus said, "Your Word is Truth.
14. He also said, "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free."

## II. PRACTICALITY OF GOD'S WORD

### A. Teaching

1. Imparting knowledge concerning God's truth.
2. This is being proactive, starting early.

#### 3. What should we teach?

- a. **Doctrines** of our faith.
- b. **Distinctiveness** – One way
- c. **Disciplines**
- d. **Directives** – love one another, serve, witness, etc.

### B. Rebuking

1. We lovingly warn someone based on the Word of God.
2. We have to address wrong doctrine and wrong behavior if we truly love someone.
3. We have to be honest.
4. Our ministry will lack integrity if we are not honest.

### C. Correcting

1. This is helping someone get on the right path.
2. It is explaining how to do it.
3. The Bible tells us how to change not just that we need to change.

## D. Training

1. It is learning how to live a disciplined life; how to stay on the right path.
2. The Bible teaches us good habits that protect us and keep us focused.
3. Warren Wiersbe, "The Word of God tells what is right, what is not right, how to get right and how to stay right."

## III. POWER OF GOD'S WORD

### A. It makes you complete

1. "complete" – you are fit.
  - a. **Personally** – I understand who I am. I am love by God.
  - b. **Purpose** – I understand why I am here.
  - c. **People** – I understand others. God's perspective.

### B. It makes you competent

1. "equipped"
2. I have all the tools necessary to minister to people.
3. That is the "good work" of what we do.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Is. 55:11, "So My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and will prosper in what I send it to do."