

Tuesday, May 12

## **Scripture**

- *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## **Who is God?**

The Holy Spirit inspired and empowers God's Word.

## **Spiritual Encouragement**

What is the result of the Spirit speaking, guiding, and inspiring God's Word? God's Word comes with God's Power. Again, we see God's Spirit at work in a situation involving "wind" and "breath."

2 Timothy 3 is a great place to see God as Trinity at work. The Scriptures come from God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to make us wise for salvation through Jesus, in order that we can do the good works for which God has prepared and equipped us. If we lose any element -- Father, Son, or Spirit -- we would miss the full impact of Scripture.

And remember, the inspiration of Scripture does not simply mean "the Bible is true." Certainly, God's Word is True. But the inspiration of Scripture especially means "the Bible is powerful." A Spirit-empowered Bible impacts how we live; a Spirit-empowered Bible trains us for righteousness and good works.

God, help me not to approach Scripture simply to learn information. Let me read Your Inspired Word in order to experience salvation through Jesus and to live a righteous, complete, and profitable life for Your glory.