

THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

"All your commands can be trusted."

Psalms 119:86 (NCV)

I CAN TRUST THE BIBLE BECAUSE...

- ❖ The Bible is HISTORICALLY accurate although the Bible is not a HISTORY book.
 1. It stands the EYEWITNESS test.
 2. The EXTREME CARE by which the Bible was COPIED over the years.
 3. Historical ARCHEOLOGY proves that the Bible is ACCURATE.
- ❖ The Bible is SCIENTIFICALLY accurate although the Bible is not a SCIENCE book.
 1. God created all TRUTH science is nothing more than DISCOVERING it.
 2. Not only does the Bible not give BAD SCIENCE it is usually ahead of SCIENCE.
 3. Not one place in the Bible can you discover an INNACURATE SCIENTIFIC fact.
- ❖ The Bible is PROPHETICALLY accurate
 1. There are 300+ PROPHECIES about Jesus that all CAME TRUE .
 2. Nobody volunteered to be a PROPHET... if you were WRONG you were STONED.
 3. The numerical odds of all these PROPHECIES coming true are ASTRONOMICAL.

HOW TO INTEGRATE GOD'S WORD INTO MY LIFE

- ❖ First, I must DECIDE to make the Bible the FOUNDATION for my LIFE.
 1. I can choose to build my life on the foundation of POPULAR CULTURE.
 2. I can choose to build my life on PERSONAL REASON.
 3. I can choose to build my life on my PRIVATE EMOTIONS.
- ❖ I must choose the DISCIPLINE of making God's Word my STANDARD for living.

- Key Truth: You can't REMEMBER and UTILIZE what you don't KNOW.

"Jesus answered, 'It is written, Man does not live on bread alone.'"

- ❖ I must DEVOTE myself to being OPEN to the truth in God's Word.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER, FOUR KINDS OF SOILS, RECEPTIVITY (Luke 8)

1. First there is the HARDENED SOIL.

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up..."

2. Then there is the SHALLOW SOIL.

"Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture..."

3. There is the SOIL covered with WEEDS.

"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants..."

4. Finally there is the GOOD SOIL, FERTILIZED and FRUITFUL.

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

- ❖ I must commit to DO what God's Word SAYS to do.

- Key Truth: God's Word doesn't offer us SUGGESTIONS but COMMANDMENTS.

"Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." James 4:17 (NLT)

- ❖ I must DISCOVER the freedom that comes from TRUSTING in God's Word.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

- Key Truth: When you live in a DARK WORLD you need a LIGHT to GUIDE you.

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Matthew 4:16 (NIV)