

The Sufficiency of the Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Is the Word of God *enough* for us? In this text, the apostle answers emphatically, “Yes!” as he declares *three magnificent qualities* of the Word of God:

1. The richness of its source (16a)
...*breathed out by God* (ESV); ...*God-breathed* (NIV)

2. The breadth of its impact (16b)
The Scripture is *profitable* for every area of life:
 - a. It impacts what we believe (orthodoxy).
 - 1) It teaches sound doctrine: *for doctrine*.
 - 2) It rebukes false doctrine: *for reproof*.
 - b. It impacts how we behave (orthopraxy).
 - 1) It brings us back to the right path: *for correction*.
 - 2) It keeps us in the right path: *for instruction in righteousness*.

3. The fullness of its purpose (17)
 - a. The goal of the Word—what it intends:
...*that the man of God may be complete*...
 - b. The dynamic of the Word—how it works:
...*[having been] thoroughly equipped*...
 - c. The result of the Word—what it accomplishes:
...*for every good work*.

Recommended: *Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*, by Charles C. Ryrie