

The Efficacy of the Word

2 Timothy 3:14-15

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The antidote to false doctrine is always the true Word of God. Therefore, having warned Timothy of the dangerous nature of the false teachers (2:14-3:13), Paul now takes time to exalt the supreme Word of God: its efficacy (3:14-15), its sufficiency (3:16-17), and its urgency (4:1-4).

As for the efficacy of the Word: it is the *Holy Scriptures*, Paul explains, which are *able* to make one *wise for salvation*. But does everyone have this wisdom? No. As Paul recounts Timothy's own journey, we see that it is a wisdom that comes only as one *knows* and *believes* the Word.

1. We must grow in our *knowledge* of the Word

...continue in the things which you have learned...

2. We must grow in our *conviction* of the Word.

...and been assured of...through faith...