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“EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK”- 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17, PART 3

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All Scripture is distinct because it is first of all and above all from God and about God. Scripture is not a collection of wisdom and insight of men, even godly men. It is God's truth, His own Word in His own words. All Scripture is inspired, breathed out by God Himself. Because all Scripture is inspired by God it is inerrant and infallible in all its words (completely without error). God's Word is free from any and all falsehood or mistakes. It is absolutely and completely true. And because all Scripture is breathed out by God, it is authoritative in all its words for all of life. God's Word is not only inspired and without error, but it is complete. All Scripture is sufficient and comprehensive. Scripture gives us doctrinal truths for a solid foundation in life. It is God's Word that is useful, beneficial and productive in the lives of all believers that can mature us and sustain us through life.

I. EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK-2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

(16) “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for every believer so that we may be equipped for every good work.

A. “THAT THE MAN OF GOD”- 2 TIMOTHY 3:17A

Paul asserts that because of Scripture, the Word of God that does the work of God in our lives, enables every believer to be equipped for every good work that God has intended.

The phrase “*man of God*” is only used in the New Testament here by Paul. In the Old Testament, it was a title for the one who proclaimed the Word of God. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul refers often to Timothy's responsibility as a pastor and leader in the church at Ephesus and thus appropriately uses this phrase to refer to him as one who was proclaiming God's Word. But at the same time, every believer should wear this title humbly and appropriately, knowing we are merely broken clay pots that God has chosen to use to faithfully proclaim His Word in our world.

B. “MAY BE ADEQUATE”- 2 TIMOTHY 3:17B

As the Word of God accomplishes its mission in the heart of the believer, Scripture makes us “*adequate*”. What does that mean?

“*adequate*” Greek “*artios*” an adjective that refers to a person who is complete, capable and proficient in everything they are called to do or be.

Colossians 2:10 tells us that in Christ “*we have been made complete.*” Trained by the inspired Word of God, the believer becomes complete, proficient and capable to accomplish all God has planned.

It has nothing to do with us because remember we are the cracked clay pots. Our adequacy comes from God as 2 Corinthians 3:4-5 says, “*And such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.*” The confidence we have to live pleasing to God and glorify Him in our life is not based on what we can do but what Jesus Christ and God's inspired Word can do in and through us. Left to ourselves, we are merely cracked clay pots, but in the hands of the Potter, we are His workmanship that He fashions for His purpose. (Ephesians 2:10) But Paul doesn't stop here.

C. “MAY BE ADEQUATE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.”- 2 TIMOTHY 3:17C

Paul uses two forms of Greek words to express how we are incredibly equipped for God's service. The first was the adjective “*adequate*” and the second is a participle in the perfect tense, “*equipped*” for every good work.

“*equipped*” Greek “*exertismenos*” meaning thoroughly furnished, completely furnished, enabled to meet all the demands, perfect tense giving this an abiding condition.

Paul writes this encouraging portion of Scripture for us to understand that the believer is super equipped by the Word of God as an abiding condition unto every good work.¹ We are capable, proficient and completely furnished to do whatever God has called us to do as an enduring condition for the true believer in Jesus Christ. And such enablement is found in God's inspired and steadfast Word that is profitable for all believers and for all things pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3)

Do you not sense the crescendo swell as Paul writes these inspiring and promising words that give hope and motivating encouragement to Timothy in the face of hardship and persecution. Take heart, for you cannot fail because you have everything you need! And might these words not have been what strengthened Paul as he sat in the Roman dungeon awaiting his own execution for his faith in Jesus Christ.

The verse mentioned previously from Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, “*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*” We are the work of God's hand through salvation in Christ Jesus. Good works then flow out as a result of our salvation and never for our

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16) *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*

salvation. We have been created to do these good works which are our service, our life, our work; that please and honor Jesus Christ. These good works are a life lived before a holy God in service completely to Him. They are our privilege and our responsibility to which God enables us to be super equipped by the Word of God. God’s Word prepares us for every good work. These “good works” may not all be easy. They will often require perseverance through hardship as Paul reminded Timothy that he followed. But we have been super equipped to serve the Lord. And our lives are a platform to put God on display as a testimony to the world. So come what may, because, *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, for training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*

D. ONE FINAL WORD

The Bible is not purely a record of the past; the history of the Jews and then of the church. Rather, every story, every prophecy, every teaching, every admonition and every command points beyond to the Author...God, Who came to us in Jesus Christ. God confronts us on the pages of His Word. He tells us how much He loves us, how we can be saved and become His children...and how we should live to please Him. In spite of all attempts at times by emperors, dictators, and totalitarian governments to destroy God’s Word by burning, banning, confiscating and imprisonment and persecution of those who read it and preach it; all such attempts have failed miserably.²

In Deuteronomy 31:9-13, 32:1-16, Moses had just finished writing the words of the Law and had given it to the Levites to place inside the ark. He had sung his song, the Song of Moses. Then he said this, *“Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you- they are your life.”*³

Through the convincing and convicting power of the Holy Spirit, Scripture is God’s own provision for every spiritual truth and moral principle that all need to be saved and to be equipped to live righteously in this present life. Then one day, to hear, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master.”* (Matthew 25:21)⁴

John Wesley would often say, “Let me be a man of one book.” The charge we have to continue learning, trusting and believing the Christ centered, God breathed, totally sufficient Scriptures is followed with the charge to proclaim this life changing message. The written Word and the living Word declaring the truth about the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.⁵

May we have the attitude of the Psalmist in Psalm 119:97, *“I love Your instruction. It is my meditation all day long.”* And Psalm 119:161, *“My heart fears only Your Word.”*

So continue in Christ, the living and written Word of God!

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