



A Sports Ministry of Trinity Fellowship Church

**We Swim for Jesus!**

**“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.”**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Bible Verse for Week #25**

## **Life Application notes**

1. The Bible is not a collection of stories, fables, myths, or human ideas about God. Through the Holy Spirit, God revealed His person and plan to certain believers who wrote down His message for His people (2 Pet. 1:20-21). This process is known as inspiration. The writers wrote from their own personal, historical, cultural contexts. Although each one used his own mind, talent, language, and style, he wrote what God wanted him to write. Scripture is completely trustworthy because God is the author. The Bible is God’s Word to you. Read it and obey it.
2. All of Scripture is “useful” or “profitable.” But to be useful, it must be used. In other words, we must read it, seek to understand it, and then put it into practice. The Bible has God’s answers to life’s most profound questions: Where did we come from? What’s the purpose to life? How should we live? How can we get the most out of life? How can we be forgiven? How can we have eternal life? No one but God can provide the answers. And only in the Bible can we find them.
3. The Bible teaches us what is true, or “doctrine.” Many people think that doctrine or theology is boring and irrelevant – just head knowledge and facts. They want quick and easy answers to questions and simple solutions for problems. But theology is very important, for it tells us about God. The wrong theology can lead to all sorts of weird ideas and wrong actions. Of course it is not enough merely to know all about God – we must know Him personally. But correct doctrine lays the foundation for our faith. When you read the Bible, look for the facts: Ask what the passage is saying about God, human nature, salvation, the church, the end times, and so forth. Let the Bible be your teacher.

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4. The Bible was given to us to correct us, to straighten us out. God does this by His Holy Spirit working in us as we read, pointing out principles that apply to us and areas in our lives that need changing. Some people don't read the Bible because they don't want to feel guilty. But guilt can help us change our ways and become the kind of people God wants. Before you read a passage of Scripture, ask God to point out the areas in your life that need correcting. Then make the changes that He tells you about.
5. In addition to pointing out what is wrong in our lives, God's Word helps us do what is right – it trains or instructs us in righteousness. In other words, as we read Scripture, God will tell us what action we should take as we attempt to live for Him in the world. Of course it's still up to us to take that action, to obey. When you read the Bible, listen to God's voice telling you what you should do. Then obey Him and take that action.
6. In our enthusiasm for discovering the truth of Scripture, we must never forget its purpose – to equip us to do good. We should not study God's Word simply to increase our knowledge or to prepare us to win arguments. We should study the Bible so that we will know how to do Christ's work in the world. Our knowledge of God's Word will be useless unless it strengthens our faith and leads us to do good.

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