

All Scripture IS God-Breathed

2 Timothy 3:10-17

1) People around us are trying to determine _____.

2) God's people should engage in the activity of convincing friends and family that the Bible is _____ and it has great _____ and _____.

We pass it on as we demonstrate the power and wisdom of God's Word

I. Living with _____ (Vv. 10-12) A strong connection between what you teach and how you live.

- God works in the lives of people who strive to be _____.
- Demonstrate the _____ and the _____ of God's Word through fidelity.

II. Fidelity enables us to _____ (V. 13)

- _____ the fruit of wickedness.
- Bad to worse
- _____ and are being _____.

III. Be Prepared for _____ (Vv. 14-17)

- _____ - _____
- Mistakes in copying are not _____.
- Alleged Contradictions
 - Genesis 6:19/Genesis 7:2 – One pair of all animals or 7 pairs?
 - Geneses 22:2 = "Only Son"/Geneses 16:16 = Ishmael was born.
- _____ helps us understand the truth of Scripture.
- Jesus saw the Old Testament as _____ – Matthew 19:1-6
- Paul teaches that the Scriptures are _____.
 - Give _____ for salvation
 - Profitable for _____, _____, _____ & _____.
- Good works = Positive life of influence

_____ to the Truthfulness and the Power of God.



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

A Word About Elders

It's not easy being an Elder, Overseer or Pastor. You do remember those three words are used describing the same position or role sustained by the one we usually call "Elder." Even a cursory look at these terms gives us an idea of the difficulty and the complexity of this work.

Starting with the term "Elder," it's more than just older, although it takes years of life in Christ, living according to the Spirit, for God to prepare a man to Shepherd His flock. How he manages his house, how he is viewed in the community at large, are things that just don't happen in one day.

Then there's "Pastor," just a quick look at this word says it's a man who loves God's people, His church. From the babe in Christ, the one who often requires lots of time and patience to the mature who actively takes up whatever role God sets before him. The Pastor loves them. From those full of grace, to the grumbly legalist, the one always focused on the letter of the law. The Pastor loves them, as Christ loved them. A man without the heart of a Pastor will crumble under the load.

Next, it's "Overseer" which is more than one who gets to decide. It's the one who is accountable for the decision, before God and "Caesar." If you are not familiar with the term "fiduciary," look it up and you will discover, it's the standard of accountability. It can bring an Overseer praise but if things go terribly wrong, it can bring him before the court of law to answer for the actions of the body over which he has "oversight."

I hope that this short overview causes us to have a better understanding of Paul's instruction to Timothy; "The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. [1Tim 5:17 CSB] (More to come)

Steve Mann

Sermon Summaries

Morning All Scripture Is Inspired by God - 2 Timothy 3:10-17

The claim that the Bible is the inspired Word of God is something that should get the attention of all of us. If this claim is true, all will be accountable to the God of Heaven. That means we need to know what the Bible teaches. For Christians, the Bible is our guide for life. It also contains the message we are to share. Sharing this message is not easy at a time when so many doubt this claim. That is why Paul encourages us to live up to the message that we proclaim. We are witness to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Evening To Amend or Not to Amend - 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not invent the stories of Scripture. While we may not be eye-witnesses to the things that happened, we can verify its truthfulness by the way we live. Since we are not responsible for the message, we are not permitted to change the message to fit our assumptions. More and more, archaeology confirms the message of Scripture. We would do well to pay attention to it.

God Gives the Greatest Gifts

“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance” (Romans 11:29).

When we are young, we are quick to want back the things that we give. A young person wants his friend to like him, and so he gives him a gift of great value. The friend receives it cheerfully and makes it out to be the greatest thing that he has ever received. The youth then believes he has made a mistake in giving something of such great value and says, “Give it back! I didn’t mean to give it to you. I just wanted you to like me.” Does he want the friend or the item? The answer is, he wants both, but he has placed himself in a situation where he can’t have both because he gave in a grudging way. His conflicting desires create instability in his relationships.

Adults can do the same things in more complicated ways. We give, but then hold a grudge against the one receiving the gift because he didn’t respond like we expected. Perhaps we will expect something in return of equal or greater value. Maybe we hold out on all future giving, or while he is not looking, we take something from him thinking that we are justified in doing so because of the value of the gift we gave. These situations have one thing in common: we are still holding onto the gift that we gave, and we can’t truly give until we let go of the gift that is given.

God’s giving is so much greater than ours. He gives and doesn’t repent. Let’s give like God gives, “not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Dale Cureton Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunt Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	62
AM Worship	86
PM Worship	41

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$3829

Things to Know

Prayer Requests and Announcements

If you have a prayer request or information that you would like to get out to the congregation before Sunday or Wednesday night, you can have an email sent out. All you need to do is send an email request to Kim Cureton at kim.cureton@pobox.com.

If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kim at the above email.

Ways To Serve

If you are interested in helping with the audio-visual ministry, please see Spencer Guest.

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Sunday Oct 17th right after morning worship. Bring your lunch, questions see Heidi or Spencer Guest.

Ladies Bible Class

Meets every Wednesday at the building at 11am.

This week be prepared by reading lesson 2 in the workbook. If you have questions, you may see Jessica Brothers.

Elders Deacons Preacher Meeting

Thursday Oct 14th at 7pm.

Praise & Harmony Class

Moved to Sunday evening Oct 24th

October 31st

No evening worship, due to street closure.

Moving

Troy & Barbara Trammell will be moving to Alabama in a few weeks. Troy has served as a faithful and dedicated Deacon for many years here at Mt Vernon and sadly will be stepping down from this service. Troy has also spent the last few years conducting a worship service for the High Gate Community. The Trammells will be greatly missed.

Prayer Request

Terry Ramsey (Kim Cureton’s cousin) being treated in Texas for COVID, doctors are cautiously optimistic that he will recover. He has been on a ventilator for over 2weeks in the ICU, along with dialysis treatments.

Kitty McElroy in PV Samaritan center recovering from broken hip. She is in room 310.

Teri Harnish (Mandy Buchanan’s half-sister) under treatment for tongue cancer.

Barry Redden is home healing from his broken foot.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker**, many difficulties with Rusty’s dementia

~ **Steve Mann** new chemo treatment.

~ **Ellen Larremore** treatment for cancer.

~ **George Lira (father of Gwen Lira)** has COVID and many other serious complications, in hospital in California

~ **Richard Erno** will begin chemotherapy around the 17th of this month in preparation for his bone marrow transplant.

~ **Abby Parra** on a short break from chemotherapy. She will be going back into the hospital at the end of the week to begin the next cycle of chemotherapy.

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** kidney and lung cancer.

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler’s niece)** cancer treatment.

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler’s son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.