

The Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God

It is to be applied to our lives

Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word is relevant; it gets to the “thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

The Word cuts (hurts)—compare it to a scalpel

It is good to be cut because it cuts the "cancer" (sin) out

2 Peter 1: 20-21

There is no private interpretation of the Bible

Every scripture has a purpose

The Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the books of the Bible

John 8:31-32

Intellectual belief is not enough, nor can we go by our feelings

Everyone must hold on to and follow the teachings of Jesus to be a true disciple

Sincerity ≠ truth

Religious people can be wrong

Matthew 15:1-9

Do not go by traditions or creeds

Worship by traditions (which supersede the Word of God) is worship in vain. Results in:

Nullifying God's Word

Being a hypocrite

Giving God lip service

Worshiping in vain

Following man-made rules (Ex.33:16 Unless God is present, nothing separates us from anyone else)

1 Timothy 4:16

Watch your life and doctrine closely—they are inseparable

Which is more important, life or doctrine? Neither—an airplane with only one wing cannot fly

Why is it so important to learn and to teach and to live the right doctrine? To save yourself and those who hear you

Acts 17:10-12

Must check what religious leaders say

Your challenge: Read and study the Bible every day!

John 12:48

Why study the Bible? The Word will judge us

Decision: Will I live by the Bible or my feelings, traditions, needs, etc.?