

Living Above the Fray

Fact Checking for Truth
2 Timothy 3:14-17

A. Paul's Directive to Timothy (14-15)

II Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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Human Authors + Holy Spirit =
ERRORLESS SCRIPTURE (Written
Word)

I Thessalonians 2:13

“For this reason we constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”



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2. It has Purpose (17)

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3. What difference should it make in your daily life if you claim to believe the Bible is God's truth? (e.g. Are your attitudes and actions consistent with what you claim to believe?)