

# BIBLE

## The Bible: What is Its Purpose?

### 2 Timothy 3:15-17

(1) I should expect the Bible to provide the necessary wisdom for \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. – (3:15)

(2) I should expect the Bible (God's Word!) to be a central part of the transformational process of \_\_\_\_\_ me to be and do what God expects (sanctification)! - (3:16-17)

A. The end goal of the Bible is that I be will transformed to accomplish what \_\_\_\_\_ wants. - (3:17)

B. There are 4 specific ways that God uses the Bible to mature us to be and do what He wants. – (3:16)

1. The Bible is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_ us The Truth which is the foundation for everything. – “for teaching”
2. The Bible is profitable for exposing our \_\_\_\_\_. – “for rebuke”
3. The Bible is profitable for clarifying what is truly \_\_\_\_\_. - “for correction”
4. The Bible is profitable for showing us \_\_\_\_\_ to be and do what He expects! - “Training in righteousness”

Challenge: What level of \_\_\_\_\_ do you have with the Bible (and God!)? How often do you find yourself digging in the Bible to justify your actions and motives? How often do you read it to find a “magical verse” to try and get God to do what you want? How often are you asking the Bible to live up to your expectations as opposed to asking the Bible to transform you so that you meet God's expectations?