

# **Stick to the Bible**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Paul had in mind to remind Timothy to remember the “worship” of Jesus Christ.
- B. In this section, Paul’s chief concern is to tell Timothy to stick with the Bible. (2 Timothy 2)

## II. The Bible.

- A. It simply means “book.”
- B. However, it is a holy book useful to make us holy.
- C. It reveals truths that men could not know otherwise about sin and salvation.
- D. We do not have to be ashamed of the Bible because we have what was originally written.
  - 1. We do not have original manuscripts but this is good because people would worship them or easily forge them.
  - 2. We have manuscripts, versions, and commentaries of the early fathers to reproduce the original documents accurately.
  - 3. The Dead Sea Scrolls validated the existence of our present Old Testament.
- E. All Scripture is inspired by God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - 1. It is to be believed and obeyed because of this.
  - 2. The Apostle John, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and others all were involved in scenarios where the Scripture was at the center of the battle.

## III. Reasons to stick with the Bible.

- A. It is remarkably consistent with itself.
- B. It is consistent with history.
- C. It is consistent with life.
- D. It writes detailed history ahead of time.
- E. It is accompanied by faithful witnesses.
- F. It is accompanied by personal experience.
- G. It is profitable and works when we obey it. (Proverbs 30:5)

H. It equips a man for service regardless of whether the one being served believes it. (Jeremiah 23:29)

IV. Paul charges Timothy in the presence of God—sticking to the Bible is no little suggestion.

A. Jesus is the judge of this work.

B. Jesus will come again as a conqueror.

C. We must stick with the Bible.

**Application questions**

1. What is the Bible according to the speaker? How is it unique in history?

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2. Which three reasons to stick with the Bible stand out to you? Explain.

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3. Write down any lingering questions you have about the Bible. Are these essential for you to believe their veracity? If so, in what ways might the speaker have addressed these concerns in a general fashion?

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