

**Sermon Title: Grippled by the Word of God**

**Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Sermon Purpose: To help the hearer to understand the importance of God's Word for their life.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 3 aspects of being gripped by the Word of God.**

**I. The inspiration of the Word of God. V.16a (Heb. 4:12)**

A. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God is alive.

**Job 23:12** I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary *food*.

**1 Peter 2:23** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

**Isaiah 49:2** And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me."

B. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God convicts of sin.

**Jeremiah 23:29** "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?"

**Jeremiah 5:14** Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.

**Luke 24:32** And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

C. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God changes lives. (**James 1:22-25; Eph. 5:25b-26**)

D. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God leads you the right way.

**Psalms 119:105** NUN. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

E. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God penetrates to the inner person/heart. (**Jer. 23:29**)

**2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

F. Because it is inspired by God, the Word of God reveals the true hidden motives of the heart.

**2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **18** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

**2 Peter 1:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

**Numbers 22:28** Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" **29** And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!" **30** So the donkey said to Balaam, "*Am* I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since *I became* yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."

Martin Luther said: "The Bible is like a lion. You don't have to defend it, just let it loose. It will take care of itself."

## II. The **inerrancy** of the Word of God. V.16b

“God’s Word reflects His character, the author is divine so it couldn’t be anything but absolute truth.”

- A. The Bible is free of error because of the nature of its author.
  - B. The Bible is free of error because it is the whole truth. **(John 17:1-7)**  
**John 14:17** "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.  
**John 16:13** "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
  - C. The Bible is free of error because it is the sanctifying truth.  
**John 17:17** "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
  - D. The Bible is free of error because it is the standardized truth.  
“We have chaos in our world because what people accept with Math, they won’t accept with morality or eternal issues. They don’t want an absolute, final standard.”  
**Isaiah 55:10** "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,**11** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.  
**Psalms 147:15** He sends out His command *to the earth*; His word runs very swiftly. **16** He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes; **17** He casts out His hail like morsels; Who can stand before His cold? **18** He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, *and the waters flow.*  
**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;  
That’s why the Bible calls itself “the sword of the Spirit”. It is the only thing that can cut through and deal with the spiritual causes of many physical problems. You see, if your physical problem has a spiritual cause, then going to the doctor, rehab, psychiatrist, and/or political official can’t help you. The doctor can only give you something to cover it up. You need something that can deal with the spirit realm, and only the Word of God can do that.  
**Matthew 4; 2 Corinthians 10:1-5; Acts 19:11-16**
- Psalms 19 gives us at least 6 examples of what the Word of God can do for us.
- 1. God’s Word is comprehensive, it can transform the whole person. V.7a
  - 2. God’s Word teaches you how to live skillfully. V.7b
  - 3. God’s Word shows you the true path to follow as you journey through the road of life. V.8
  - 4. God’s Word contains no impurities, no errors that will lead you into a ditch. V.9
  - 5. God’s Word is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. V.10
  - 6. God’s Word keeps us free from sin and can free us from addictions by purifying us. V.11-14
- “David is telling us that many of our problems are from the fact that we don’t take the Word of God seriously enough, either in learning it or obeying it, or both. When we let God’s Word permeate all of our being, when we meditate on it, and reflect on it, when we let it purify and discipline us, it transforms us.” – Tony Evans, “Our God is Awesome”, pp.209-210

### III. The **impact** of the Word of God. V.17

God's Word only benefits those who know it and obey it. **Joshua 1:5-8**

A. The 1<sup>st</sup> benefit/impact of obedience is success.

“The definition of true success: coming to the end of your life having fulfilled the will of God. Success is getting to the end of your life having done what God wanted you to do.”

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> benefit/impact of obedience is freedom.

**John 8:31** Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32** "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> benefit/impact of obedience is spiritual vitality.

Charles Spurgeon said it best: “Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't.”

The Bible is truth – absolute truth. It is truth in all of its parts, and unless you know the Bible and are willing to obey the Bible (AKA Word of God) you will not benefit from the truth. But you won't stop the Bible from being true.