

# THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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The Bible is not a book written by a single author over the course of weeks or months. Rather, it is composed of 66 individual books, written by about 40 men on three continents over a period of 1,500 years! Despite all of this, God's Word does not contain a single verifiable contradiction.

The Bible is as whole, unified, and indicative of an intelligent Designer as Creation itself. This book—which God has prepared and provided—explains how we are to live and lets us know that, as His followers, we are saved eternally, our sins are forgiven, and heaven is our home. Unlike other books, Scripture is far more than simply words printed in ink on paper; its truth has inexhaustible depth. Have you ever noticed that two people can read the same passage and get different messages from it?

This amazing book is the *living* Word of God; that is, it is always *active*. When you invite the Holy Spirit to reveal scriptural truth, you will discover something new, no matter how many times you have previously read a particular passage.

When an author is a mere human, then it is entirely possible for another person to thoroughly exhaust every conceivable interpretation of each line in his book. However, when God writes a book, man has no chance of discovering every nuance, interpretation, or meaning within it. This doesn't have anything to do with information being "hidden" from our view; rather, the Lord has given us a Word that is always fresh and relevant. The Bible provides truths that are just as pertinent today as they were 2,000 years ago. And if the world should last another 2,000 years, the Scriptures will continue to be adequate to meet each and every person's needs—the Bible is the eternal, living Word of God.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 point to the unity of Scripture in light of the fact that the Bible was written by so many human authors in vastly different geographical locations over 15 centuries?
- As you read a favorite Scripture passage, ask the Spirit to shed new light on its meaning. What fresh insight has been revealed?