



Have you ever wondered if the Bible is really able to help you with your deepest problems? Have you ever secretly wanted to add something to the Word of God? What about take something away? Have you ever felt like the Bible just wasn't enough? Maybe that it didn't have all the necessary information for life?

Well, open your Bibles **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. Let's read.

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (ESV).*

### **Profitable**

What does profitable mean? (Beneficial, to your advantage, you gain from it, in your best interest)

First, we see that all of Scripture is profitable, it is beneficial, it's advantageous, but we might ask the question how profitable? Just HOW profitable is the Bible?

[TEACHER NOTE: Sharing a personal example or story here of something that has been of little profit may provide a helpful contrast. If you have a child who has created a lemonade stand it likely has produced a profit, but it was minimal at best.]

Is Apple a profitable company? Is Apple more or less profitable than a child's lemonade stand? Of course.

To say that the Bible is profitable doesn't say a whole lot. However, Paul tells us just how profitable the Bible really is.

Look back at verse 17. It says, *“that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (ESV).*

It says that the man of God, the person of God, the Christian, may be complete.

### **Complete**

What does complete mean? (Adequate, enough, prepared, mature, qualified, proficient or perfect)

So, the Bible is profitable to make us complete, mature, prepared, proficient, Christians. In fact, it goes on to say that it equips us for every good work.

### **Equipped**

What does equip mean? (To make ready, to make adequate, to qualify, to sufficiently prepare you)

So, the Word of God is profitable. How profitable? Well, it contains everything you need to make you complete, to make you the man or woman of God that God designed you to be. It does that by equipping you or preparing you for every aspect of life.

Another way to say this is that the Word of God is sufficient. The Word of God is enough. It is everything you need. It is not lacking anything. It is 100% perfect, it is 100% profitable, because it is 100% from God. That is what it means when it says it is breathed out by God.

Let's look at the four things the sufficient Word of God is used for to make us complete believers and to equip us in every good work.

### **Teaching**

If the Word of God is sufficient to make us mature believers equipped for every good work, then it contains everything we need to be taught. This