

SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation
of God's Word

Title: By Understanding How It
Changes Me

Text: Psalm 119:130; II Tim. 3:16-17

Topic: Spiritual Growth

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"Understanding your Word brings light to the minds of ordinary people." Psalm 119:130 (CEV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV)

1. The Bible recreates my life,
2. it eradicates my guilt,
3. it activates my faith. And it...

4. STIMULATES MY GROWTH.

An inheritance is what you get for being part of a **family**.

When you trust Jesus for salvation, you're not just a "believer". You're a **"belonger"**.

There are family **responsibilities** and there are family **privileges**.

God wants to **stimulate your growth** and give you **an inheritance**.

The purpose of the Bible is to help you live out **the purpose** God has for your life.

The Bible does this by four things.

- a. **TEACHING** is God showing me the path to walk on.

- b. **REBUKING** is when God shows me how I got off the path, and ended up in a ditch.
- c. **CORRECTING** is God telling me how I get back on the right path.
- d. And **TRAINING** is how I stay on the path and not fall into the ditch again.

5. ILLUMINATES MY MIND.

When you illuminate something you **shine a light** on it.

God wants to bring light/understanding to every **area** of our lives.

Sometimes enlightenment happens **immediately**. But more often the light comes like the **dawn**.

Often the way it happens is when we **meditate** on the Word.

"I have more insight than all my teachers for I meditate on your statutes." Psalm 119:99

Meditating is like **soaking** your mind in the Word.

When God turns the light on it helps you to know what **to do,/how to respond**.

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

God's Word is like a lamp that gives just enough light for the **next step**.

To turn the light on in your life pray prayers related to **God's Word**.

Example: *"Open my eyes / that I may see / wonderful things / in your law."* Psalm 119:18