

# Read The Word!

## Building Blocks

January 1, 2023

In 2023, how are **you** planning to **build** a strong faith?

*“All Scripture is inspired **by** God ... ” 2 Timothy 3:16 (CSB)*

### Defense of the Word

*“<sup>16</sup>For **we did not follow cleverly contrived myths** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, **we were eyewitnesses** of His majesty. ... <sup>20</sup>Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**” 2 Peter 1:16, 20-21 (CSB)*

### Defense of the Word

#### Declaration for the Word

*“All Scripture is **God-breathed** ... ” 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)*

When we open God’s **word**, God opens His **mouth**.

It is impossible to follow Jesus yet **discredit**, **disbelieve**, and **disregard** His word.

### Defense of the Word

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#### Discipline in the Word

*“ ... <sup>16</sup>And is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for **training** in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>**so that** the man of God may be **complete, equipped for every good work.**” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CSB)*

We have to **labor** over the word to **learn** the word.

*“But as for you, **continue** in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you.” 2 Timothy 3:14 (CSB)*

### 1. Abide in the word **consistently**.

Word before the world. Scripture before Screens.

*“<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, **desire the pure milk of the word**, so that **by it** you may **grow up** into your salvation, <sup>3</sup>if you have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1 Peter 2:2-3 (CSB)*

*“I will **delight** in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.” Psalms 119:16 (CSB)*

### 2. Desire the word **deliberately**.

*“But **be doers** of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22 (CSB)*

### 3. Practice the word **intentionally**.

“Our problem is not how biblically **illiterate** we are but how biblically **disobedient** we are.”  
- Grant Skeldon

#### **Foundations New Testament Plan**

- One chapter a day for five days each week.
- Covers one Gospel each quarter.
- Chronologically through the rest of the New Testament one chapter a day.

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**Take God’s word **seriously**, and it will seriously **shape** your life.**