



**A Life On Fire Series Part 5**  
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**Key Passage: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17**

The Bible is an all-important tool in our leadership tool belt.

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed... the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (vv. 14-15)

What is the Bible?

- **TECHNICALLY** - The Bible is a small library of various documents that all emerged out of the history of the people of ancient Israel and the subsequent Jesus movements of the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE.
- **FUNCTIONALLY** - The Bible is a divine-human book that speaks God’s word to his people. It is a unified story that ultimately points us to Jesus and offers wisdom to the whole world.

What is Scripture’s nature (v. 16) and purpose (v. 17)?

- All Scripture is divinely breathed, meaning 1) God’s Spirit guided the biblical authors and 2) these texts are buzzing with the very life and power of God!
- God’s word is useful for teaching, challenging, correcting, and training in right living so that God’s people are prepared for doing good!

Images of God’s word in Scripture:

- God’s word is nourishment for life. (Deut. 8:3)
- God’s word is a lamp for our feet. (Ps. 119:105)
- God’s word is a sword that pierces our hearts, discerning thoughts and intentions. (Heb. 4:12)
- God’s word is an anchor—sure and steadfast—for our souls. (Heb. 6:19)

**OUR LEADERSHIP CHARGE**

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,  
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,  
rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15)

