



# THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

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## Lesson 1

# GOD-INSPIRED TEACHING (DOCTRINE)

## NOTE TO THE TEACHER

It is said that in the three letters which the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus, he spoke 80 times of the Scripture and its doctrine. Paul was aware that all the apostles would soon be in Heaven. Thereafter believers would be guided entirely by the written word of God. Consequently he emphasized that all final authority rests upon the Bible and its teachings.

The letters addressed to Timothy and Titus are particularly helpful to pastors. However, the apostle included teaching that applies to everyone in the church—including us. These are the truths we shall be studying in this series.

There are numbers on the map which appears on the inside front cover and page 1. If you would like to add the names of the places, they are: #1, Cyprus; #2, Lystra; #3, Thessalonica; #4, Corinth; #5, Philippi; #6, Macedonia; #7, Ephesus; #8, Crete; #9, Rome; #10, Colosse. The symbols on the map will help your students identify the events connected with those places.

The first memory verse (2 Timothy 3:16) begins on the outside back cover and ends on page 16. Verse 17 appears on page 17. By discussing the verses a section at a time, your students should have no difficulty in memorizing them.

Doctrine, which is simply another word for teaching, is important. If your students excel in Bible doctrine, they will be able to combat false doctrine. In addition, Bible teaching *must* affect a person's life. Ask the Spirit of God to apply the truths of the Word to the lives of your students. Remember: the greatest Bible passage on the inspiration of the Scriptures, ends with the idea of doing good works. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) To be a Bible student without living for the Lord is to miss the significance of the Word of God.

Before class time, prepare the note mentioned in the opening part of the lesson.

**Scripture to be studied:** 1 Timothy 1; 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

**The aim of the lesson:** To show that because the Bible is God-produced, it is the final authority.

**What your students should know:** That the Scripture, as originally written, has no mistakes but is unconditional truth.

**What your students should feel:** A keen desire to study the Word of God carefully.

**What your students should do:** Study the books of First and Second Timothy.

Wherever the word *doctrine* appears, they should write above it the word *teaching*.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. All Scripture is God-produced (2 Timothy 3:16).
2. The Scripture teaches what to believe regarding the Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:15).
3. The Scripture teaches what to believe regarding salvation (1 Timothy 1:15; 2:4-6; 2 Timothy 1:10; 2:8; 3:15).
4. The Scripture teaches what to believe regarding the future (1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

**The verse to be memorized:**

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)*

## THE LESSON

\*I have a problem! Listen to this note I received from a friend: "Will you please meet me at the usual place on Friday at 8:00?"

For more than a year we met at (name a place, pointing towards it). But recently we've met at (name a spot in the opposite direction). I do not know which is the "usual" place. And I do not know when this note was written. Maybe I was supposed to be there last Friday. Or perhaps it is this Friday. Sometimes we have met at 8:00 in the morning. Equally as often we have met at 8:00 at night. How can I know what (s)he means? (Encourage student response. The answer you need is, "You will have to ask the one who wrote the note.")

That is important to remember. When you read something you do not understand, ask the writer what he meant. This is particularly true when you are studying the Bible. God wants