

What's the Word for, Anyway?

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1. Introductory Remarks.
 - a. Bible in our culture.
 - b. The uniqueness of Scripture.
 - c. Springboard: 2 Timothy 3:14-17, NIV.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful (profitable) for teaching (doctrine), rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. a. Scripture's Teaching About Itself.

Psalm 138:2. ESV

I bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

Psalm 19:7-11, NKJV.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More are they to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Your servant warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

Hebrews 4:12, NASB.

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division between soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- b. Jesus' Teaching about Scripture.

Matthew 4:1-11. The wilderness temptation. "It is written."

John 10:35. The Scripture cannot be broken.

John 17:17. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

3. Why Preach and Teach the Scripture? Profitable for:

- a. Doctrine.
- b. Rebuke and correction.
- c. Training in righteousness.

4. Concluding Remarks.

1 Timothy 4:13. NASB

Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

2 Timothy 2:15, NKJV.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 4:1-2, NKJV.

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.