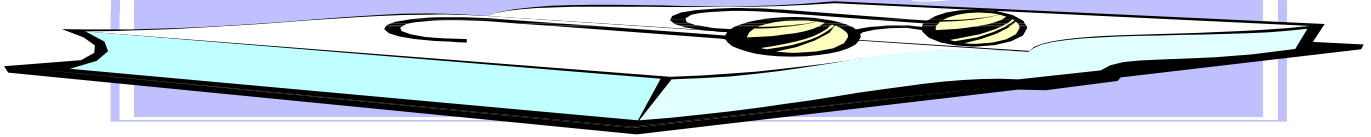


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**Topic**  
**“The Ministry of the Word”**

# The Lesson

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## The Topic: The Ministry of the Word

Scripture Lesson: *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

Background Scripture: *2 Timothy 3:1-13*

Key Verse: *2 Timothy 3:16*

**The Objective:** To explain how the Ministry of the Word (Sunday School, Group Bible Study, Home Bible Study, and personal study) is so vital to the spiritual well-being of every Christian in these perilous times.

**The Proposition:** Through the Ministry of the Word we can experience God's saving grace and we can reach our full potential as men and women of God.

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### Exploring the Background

*(2 Timothy 3:1-13)*

In the last days perilous times will come

- Because of the increase in moral decay [People will go from bad to worse] (1-4)
- Because of the increase in godless formalism [People will have a form of godliness but deny its power] (5-9)
  - They will take advantage of weak people
  - They will reject the truth
  - They will rebel against God's leaders
  - They will have corrupt minds
  - Their progress will be halted
  - Their folly will be revealed
- Because of the increase in religious persecution [People who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution] (10-12)
- Because of the increase in religious imposters [People will be deceiving and being deceived] (13)

## **Exploring the Lesson** *(2Timothy 3:14-17)*

- I. Through the Ministry of the Word, we are able to give our children and ourselves a solid foundation upon which to build our lives. (14,15)**
- A. As parents and guardians we are to be our children's first Christian Educators by teaching them the Word of God at home. (2 Tim. 1:5)
  - B. As parents and guardians we are to bring our children to the Church where they may attend Sunday School, Buds of Promise, and all the other facets of the Church's Children's Ministry.
  - C. As youth and adults we are to continue in the ministry of the Word throughout the course of our entire lives.
- II. Through the Ministry of the Word, we are made wise unto salvation. (14,15)**
- A. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can find God's plan of salvation.
  - B. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can learn that salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.
- III. Through the Ministry of the Word, we are transformed in every area of our lives. (16)**
- A. God's Word is useful for doctrine: teaching us the truth.
  - B. God's Word is useful for reproof: reproofing our false doctrine & wrong thinking
  - C. God's Word is useful for correction: correcting our immorality and bad behavior
  - D. God's Word is useful for instruction in righteousness: training us in living right
- IV. Through the Ministry of the Word, we are able to reach our full potential as men and women of God. (17)**
- A. It is through the Ministry of the Word that we grow to maturity in Christ.
  - B. It is through the Ministry of the Word that we are thoroughly equipped for the good works that God calls us to do.