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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

2 Tim. 3:16-17 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.* (NIV)

All scripture is **theopneutos** which literally means breathed from the very mouth of God. This should not surprise us because everything that the LORD says is His Word. We are blessed to have His word to read, memorize and meditate on.

Paul then proclaims the usefulness of the Word of God. It is good for teaching. Parents should be teaching the Word to their children. There is eternal value in sharing the Word with others, especially to your children. If their parents don't teach them, someone else will. They have been given to us by the Father and we are to so as His Word says in **Dt. 6:7** *Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* (NIV) We should also be teaching each other as the LORD speaks through His Word to our hearts.

It is good for rebuking and correcting. God's Word is our standard. Everything should be measured by it. Now someone might wonder why this is. It is like a ruler. It is always going to measure by a set standard. Twelve inches will always be twelve inches. In the same manner, God's Word is always God's Word and we can measure our steps and motivation by it. It does not change with the whims of man but is the Word of God. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

It is good for training. This is a word associated with an athlete. It is the training that is most critical because it is there that the preparation for the race is done. **Heb. 12:11** *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, thank You for Your Word. Help us to spend time each day as we grow closer to You. Speak to our hearts and then give us Your power to accomplish those things which You compel us to do. In Jesus Name, Amen