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# ***Biblical Authority***

**2 Timothy 3:16-17, et al.**

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## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”**

## **2 Peter 1:20-21**

**“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

**The Bible, God's Word, is divine revelation that God has given about Himself and His plan for humanity. It is inspired, inerrant, infallible, and unchanging. It is absolute Truth that is powerfully life-changing.**

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## Hebrews 4:12-13

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”**

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## 2 Peter 1:3-4

**“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”**

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