

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a pond with lily pads, surrounded by trees with vibrant orange, red, and yellow foliage. The scene is captured from a low angle, with some reeds in the foreground.

*Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

“Qualifications for an Elder-Pastor-Overseer”

Part V

Titus 1:6-9

October 25, 2015

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Qualifications for an Elder/Pastor-Teacher

Character

Above reproach
Man – husband of one wife
Temperate/Self controlled
Prudent
Respectable
Hospitable
Not addicted to wine
Gentle
Peaceable
Free from the love of money/Not fond of sordid gain
Manages household well
Children under control - not accused of dissipation and rebellion
Not a new convert
Good reputation outside the church
Not self-willed
Not quick tempered
Not pugnacious
Sensible
Just
Devout

Abilities

Holding fast the trustworthy
Word/Able to Teach

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“holding fast”

αντεχομαι

“to oneself to hold”

**adhere to, to support, to hold to, to care for,
to keep, to cleave to.**

i.e. to tightly bind together

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“the faithful Word”
του πιστου λογου
“the trustworthy Word”

1. **THE** trustworthy Word.
 - The article “the” specifies the Word.
 - Therefore it’s not just any Word.
 - Nor is it a Word among other Words.
 - It is THE one and only Word of God.

2. The TRUSTWORTHY Word

- It is consistent.
- It is reliable.
- It is true.
- It is honest.
- It is honorable.

3. The trustworthy WORD.

A. The character of the Word.

The Greek word is **λογος** as opposed to **ρημα**

Heb 4:12

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

Matt 4:4

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Eph 6:17

17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This means ALL of the Word is trustworthy.

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired (breathed out) by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Verbal, plenary, inspiration of Scripture.

Verbal

– inspiration involves and includes the actual language forms (words, sentences, order of words in a sentence, parts of speech, etymology, morphology, syntax). These are not inspired thoughts only but inspired words that came from inspired thoughts.

Plenary

– inspiration extends equally to all parts of Scripture.

Inspiration

– Scripture came directly from God through the individuality, personal interest, and literary style of man.

Results:

Innerrancy

- free from any error.

Infallible

- incapable of teaching deception and leading one astray.

**Wholly true, wholly trustworthy, and wholly reliable.*

Sufficient

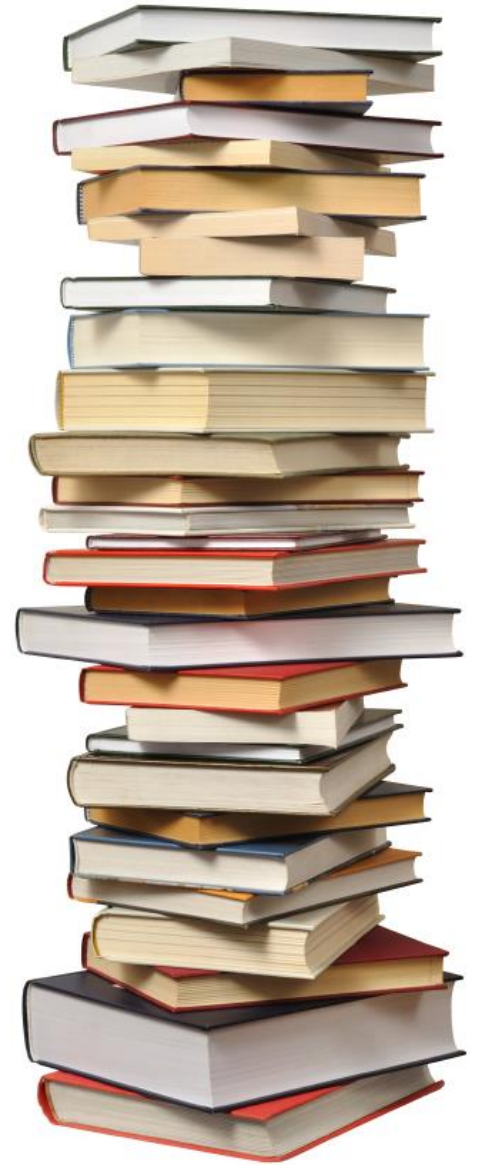
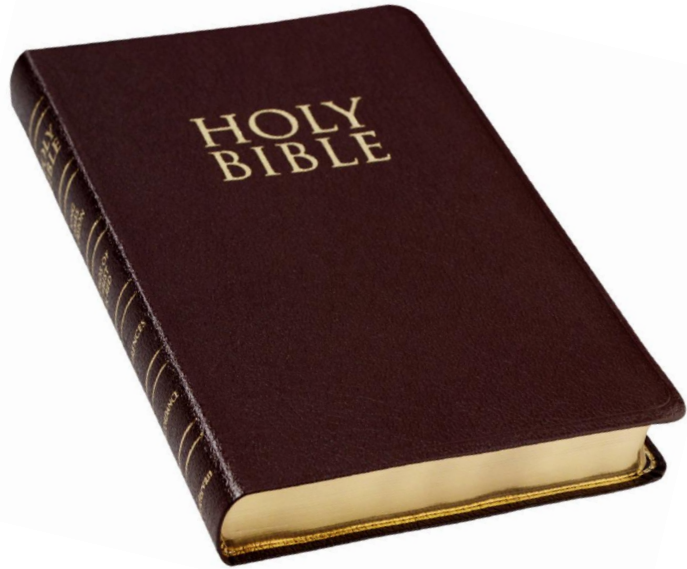
- all that is needed.

Perspicuity

- comprehensible, clear.

Authoritative

- is the final and ultimate authority for all faith and practice.



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Ps 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.

Isa 40:8

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

Matt 5:18

18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matt 24:35

35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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2 Tim 3:10

10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

2 John 9-10

9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;

Jude 3

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

“Puritanism was, above all else, a Bible movement. To the Puritan the Bible was in truth the most precious possession that this world affords. His deepest conviction was that reverence for God means reverence for Scripture, and serving God means obeying Scripture. To his mind, therefore, no greater insult could be offered to the Creator than to neglect His written word; and, conversely, there could be no truer act of homage to Him than to prize it and pore over it, and then to live out and give out its teaching. Intense veneration for Scripture, as the living word of the living God, and a devoted concern to know and do all that it prescribes, was Puritanism’s hallmark.”

- J.I. Packer