

The Reason For God: His Word

1. The Bible is _____

2 Peter 1:20-21 (GW) First, you must understand this: No prophecy in Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. **(21)** No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction.

John 1:1 (NIV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 7:16-18 (NLT) So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me. **(17)** Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. **(18)** Those who speak for themselves want glory only for themselves, but a person who seeks to honor the one who sent him speaks truth, not lies.

2. The Bible is _____

1 Corinthians 2:13-14 (NLT) When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. **(14)** But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

Matthew 5:17-18 (NIV) "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." **(18)** "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished"

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

3. I must allow _____ to direct my life

Matthew 4:4 (NIV) Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Mark 4:14-20 (NIV) "The farmer sows the word. **(15)** Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **(16)** Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **(17)** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **(18)** Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **(19)** but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. **(20)** Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop --thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.