

How do the teachings of Scripture help us see the world as God sees it? To see things as they really are as opposed to how culture defines reality.

Because reality is objective on truth, not subjective on my feelings. The only true way to perceive anything is as God perceives it. The Bible says our hearts deceitful and wicked.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And [d]esperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the [e]mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

John 8:31 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

What is your history with the Bible? Was it a part of your growing up years? If so, how? If not, when did you first encounter the Scriptures?

How would you explain or describe the Bible to someone who knows nothing about it?

The Bible is God's inherent, infallible Word. It is perfect in every way and given to us so that we may know God. It tells us of His love, His judgements and His grace upon those who love Him.

What are some recent things God has taught you through the Scriptures?

What does it mean for God to rebuke us through His Word, and how has He done that in your life?

Hebrews 4:12 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 12:6-11 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

7 If[a] you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no [b]chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

How has God's Word corrected you and restored you to an upright position?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

How has God used Scripture to nurture and train you?

Through the process of sanctification (which means to purify us or make us holy. Holy means set apart)

John 17 15-19 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

What does it mean to be equipped for every good work? How is God accomplishing that in your life through His Word?

Good works is not merely just doing good deeds, but doing that which is pleasing to God. More specifically good works are the fruits the Holy Spirit bares within us.

Example: I could give a homeless guy \$20 while I'm with friends so that they are impressed with my generosity, but God will not look at that as a good work. A good work would be if you are by yourself and you share the Gospel of Jesus with the homeless man for no other reason then that you love him and then give him the \$20 in the name of Jesus, you have done a good work, because this is pleasing to the Father.

Good works are the fruit we bare in the Spirit and these fruits are:

Galations 5:22-23 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.