

EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3:16-17
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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."

God has a purpose for each of His children. To fulfill this purpose, He equips us with everything we need through His Word, His Spirit, and the body of Christ. Being equipped for good works means being prepared, empowered, and ready to serve God and others effectively.

The Source of Our Equipping:

- a. The Word of God-the word of God is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness..." These four functions work together to shape and equip us:

Teaching – Scripture instructs us in truth, helping us understand God's character, His will, and how we should live. (*Psalm 119:9-11; Matthew 5-7*);

Rebuking – The Word confronts us when we go astray, exposing sin, false beliefs, or wrong attitudes. It acts as a spiritual mirror to reveal what needs changing. (*2 Samuel 12:1-13; Hebrews 4:12*).

Correcting – After identifying what's wrong, God's Word shows us how to make it right. It restores us to the right path and aligns us with God's will-*Galatians 6:1*.

Training in Righteousness – The Word doesn't just correct; it trains us to keep growing in godly character, forming habits of holiness, obedience, and love. Like spiritual exercise, it disciplines and strengthens us for consistent Christian living. *Hebrews 12:11; 1 Timothy 4:7-8*.

These four roles of Scripture ensure that the "servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Also see: *Psalm 119:105* – "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

- b. **The Holy Spirit- Acts 1:8** – *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”*

The Spirit empowers and guides us for every task God assigns.

- c. **The Church Community Ephesians 4:11-12** – God gives spiritual leaders to equip His people for works of service, building up the body of Christ.

2. **Being Prepared for Good Works**

1. **God’s Preparation in Us – Ephesians 2:10** – *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Every believer has a unique calling and set of gifts to fulfill God’s purpose.

2. **Practical Preparation** – Prayer – Aligning our hearts with God’s will (**Philippians 4:6-7**).

Study – Deepening our knowledge of God’s Word (**Joshua 1:8**).

Service – Gaining experience by actively serving others.

A man once walked around asking people, “What are you doing that makes you proud?” Many answered with impressive job titles or personal accomplishments. But one woman simply said,

said, “Raising three strong boys to be godly men.”

That response was deeply powerful. Her daily, intentional effort to raise her children in faith was a good work prepared by God — one she was faithfully performing.

This shows that practical preparation isn't about being in the spotlight, but about obedience, service, and faithfulness where God has placed you.

3. **The Purpose of Being Equipped**

- a. To Glorify God. **Matthew 5:16** – *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

- b. **To Serve Others. Galatians 6:10** – *“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

- c. To Advance the Kingdom. Our good works draw others to Christ and demonstrate the power of the Gospel (**1 Peter 2:12**).

4. **Staying Equipped for Every Season**

- a. Consistency in the Word. **Psalms 1:2-3** – *Those who meditate on God’s Word are like trees planted by streams of water, always fruitful.*

- b. Dependence on the Holy Spirit. **John 15:5** – ***“Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”***
- c. Perseverance in Trials. **James 1:2-4** – Trials develop perseverance, making us mature and complete for God’s work.

Conclusion

As Christians, we are not called to be spectators but participants in God’s mission.

Through His Word, Spirit, and Church, God equips us to fulfill every good work.

Stay rooted in God’s Word. Depend on the Holy Spirit for strength and wisdom. Actively use your gifts to serve others and glorify God.

May our lives bring glory to God and reflect His love to the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.