

The context of that verse is warning about false teachers, and how to tell the difference. A very important rule of Bible study is to **find several verses that say the same thing**, and then you have a truth that should be heeded.

The Bible's value

II Tim. 3:15-4:1, "... from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, **for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete (**mature**), thoroughly equipped for every good work. I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who will judge the living and the dead ... **preach the Word!** Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering (patience) and teaching."

Before I give you more verses, please notice in the first few lines of this one that the Holy Scriptures are what leads to salvation. That word *salvation* means *complete soundness*; including health, wealth, length of life, protection, and eternal life. It's nearly the same word as peace in the Hebrew of the Old Testament. Notice Psa. 119:165, "Great peace have those who love your law (the Bible)."

Josh. 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night that you may observe to **do** according to all that is written in it. **For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.**" Psa. 1:2-3 and James 1:25 have the same message.

Prov. 4:20-22 say the same thing, but say that the Word (healing verses) is health (*medicine*, literal Hebrew) to our bodies. Psa. 107:20 agrees.

Psa. 119: 97-100 say that the Word of God makes us wiser than anybody.

Psa. 119:105, the Word is direction and shows us the way to go.

Matt. 7:24-27, "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine **and does them** I will liken him to a wise man ..."

Isa. 55:10-11, Psa. 103:20-21, and Jer. 1:12 all explain that **the Word works**. After all, it is alive, Heb.4:12. Get my brochures on faith to see how to get it to work for you.

There are so many more verses like these, but let's go on to show you the value of **teaching** the Word.

Teach for Maturity

Notice that the first verse used in column one said this: "**for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be

complete (**mature**)" The King James uses the word *perfect* there which means *mature*.

The Word is spiritual food to help us grow up according to Heb. 5:11-14 and I Cor. 3:1-2. I Pet. 2:2 uses the words "milk of the Word." This is why it is so **important to go to a church that teaches the Bible** in practical terms so that the people can understand it and put it to practice, helping them in their everyday lives.

Heb. 5:11-14 reads like this: "...we have much to say, and hard to explain since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you **again** the first principles of the oracles (sayings) of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is **unskilled in the word** of righteousness, for he is a baby. But solid food belongs to those who are mature, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised (trained) to discern both good and evil."

Teaching Commanded

Realize that the books of Timothy and Titus are written to young pastors. II Tim. 2:2, "All the things that you have

heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be **able to teach** others also.”

II Tim.2:24-25, “A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, **able to teach**, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance so that they may know the truth.”

Col. 1:28, “Him we preach, **warning every man and teaching every man** in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect (**mature**) in Christ Jesus.”

I Tim. 4:11 and 13, (after a list of things) “These things command and teach.” 13-- “Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (teaching).”

I Tim. 5:7, “And these things command, that they may be blameless.” And at the end of 6:2, “...Teach and exhort these things.”

Titus 1:9, “Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

Titus 2:15, “Speak these things. Exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.”

I Thess. 2:11, “As you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you as a father does his own children.”

II Pet. 1:12-13, and 15, “I will not be

negligent to remind you always of these things... Yes, I think it is right ...to stir you up by reminding you. (15) Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

And 3:1-2, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle in the both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder, that you may **be mindful of the words** which were spoken by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior.”

Acts 20:31-32, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now brethren, I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, **which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance** among all those who are sanctified.”

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for **it is the power of God** unto salvation, to everyone **who believes**.”

Do you remember from earlier what *salvation* means? This verse says that believing or faith is the way to get everything that God wants us to have. God doesn't decide who gets healed or protected, or prospered. It's all been paid for by the cross of Jesus, and our faith gets it. Faith works, and **the Word works** for those who will put it to work.

“You do not
need
Anyone to
Teach you”

(I John 2:27)



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