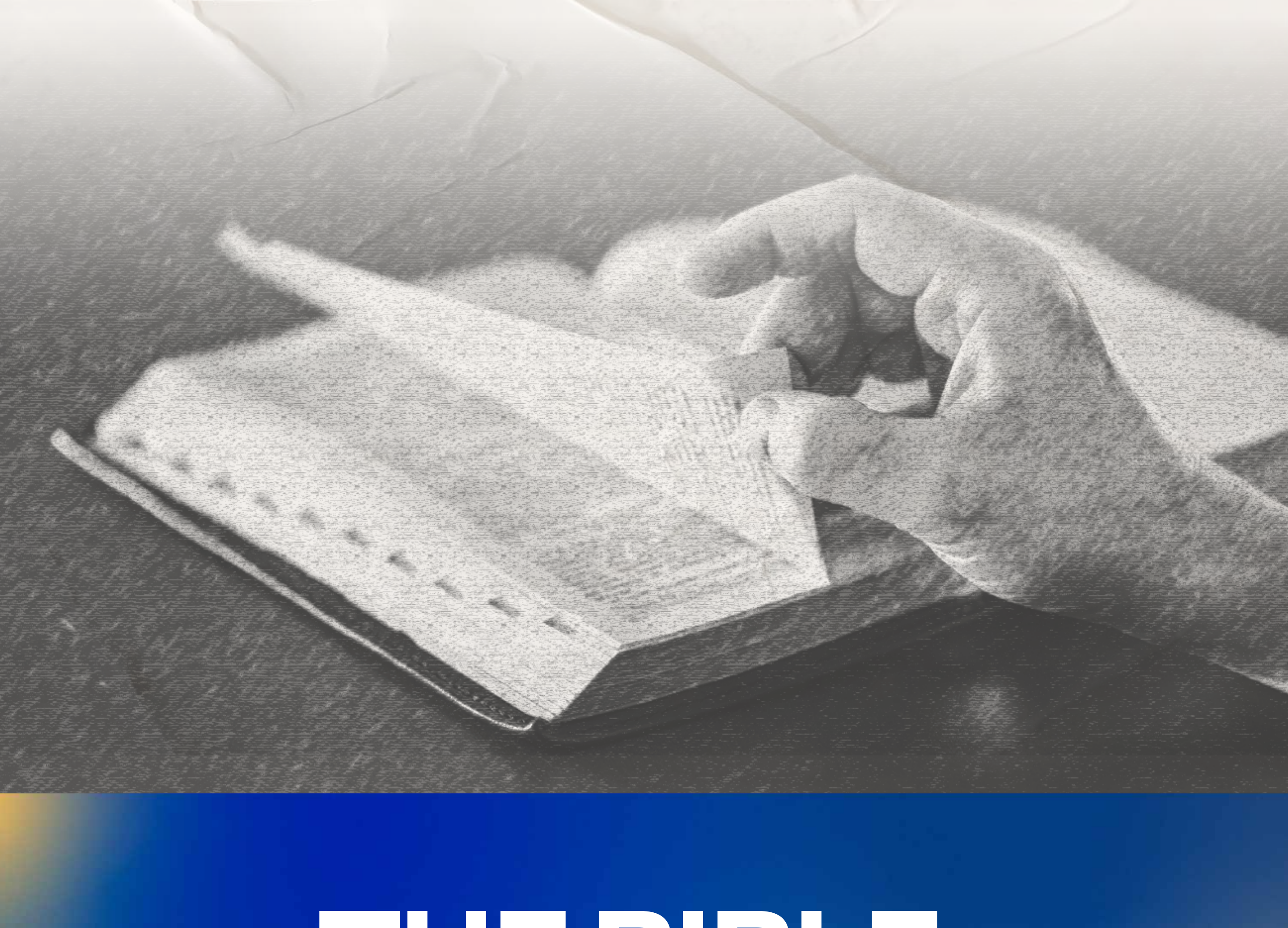


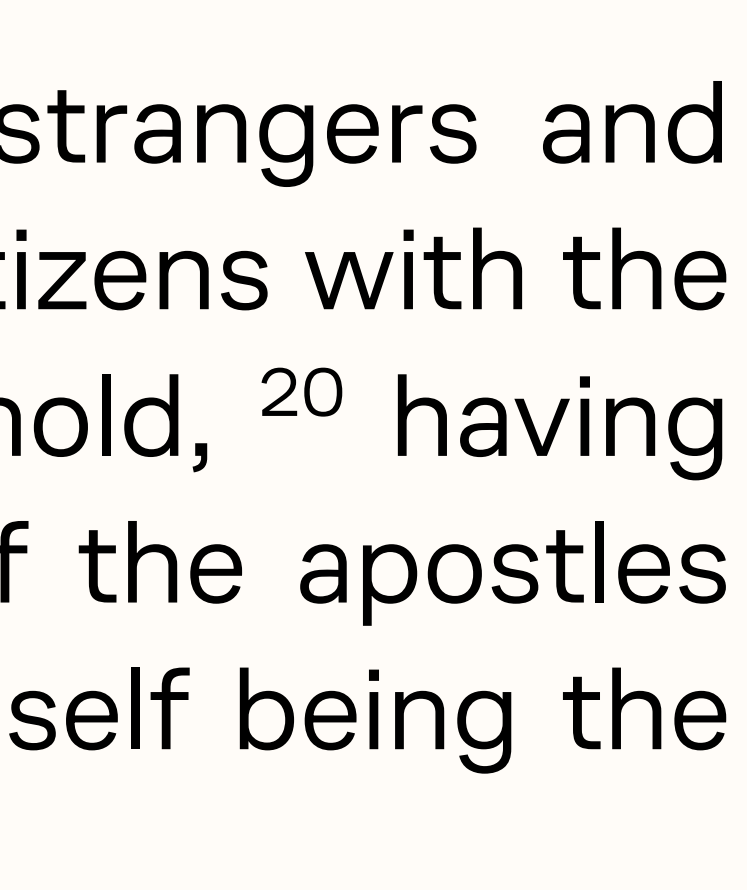


# THE BIBLE, VITAL SOURCE

<sup>14</sup> But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:14-15 NLT**

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.



**2 TIMOTHY 3:16B NLT**

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.

**EPHESIANS 2:19-20 NASB**

## I NEED THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE:

### 1 It is my standard of Truth

#### 1.1. Receive the whole Bible (Old and New Testament)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16B NLT**

#### 1.2. Treasure and obey the Word

<sup>1</sup> My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. <sup>2</sup> If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.

**PROVERBS 3:1-2 NLT**

#### 1.3. Trust and involve the Holy Spirit as you read

<sup>3</sup> Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

**PROVERBS 3:3-5 NLT**

## I NEED THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE:

### 2 When it is my source of authority, I gain wisdom for life

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16A NLT**

It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16B NLT**

#### 2.1. Do not rely on your own understanding

<sup>5b</sup> do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

**PROVERBS 3:5B-6 NLT**

#### 2.2. Seek His will first

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

**PROVERBS 3:6 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I will not be in need. <sup>2</sup> He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; he guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**PSALM 23:1-4 NASB**

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

**PSALM 16:1 NLT**

God is our refuge and strength, a very ready help in trouble.

**PSALM 46:1 NASB**

<sup>1</sup> I will raise my eyes to the mountains; From where will my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

**PSALM 121:1-2 NASB**

#### 2.3. Make the Bible the light for your path

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long. <sup>98</sup> Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. <sup>99</sup> Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws. <sup>100</sup> I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments. <sup>101</sup> I have refused to walk on any evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your word. <sup>102</sup> I haven't turned away from your regulations, for you have taught me well. <sup>103</sup> How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. <sup>104</sup> Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. <sup>106</sup> I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey your righteous regulations.

**PSALM 119:97-106 NLT**

## I NEED THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE:

### 3 He empowers me to fulfill the tasks He has for me

God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:17 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. <sup>3</sup> For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths. <sup>5</sup> But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

**2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5 NLT**