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God's Word—Directions
We Can Trust

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WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Even though we are bombarded by directions on how we should live our life, God's Word offers the best directions.

THINK ABOUT IT:

- Have you ever been given bad directions to someone's home? How did you feel?
- How are God's directions superior to others?



PREP

- pens (2)
- paper (4 or more sheets)

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READ

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

Have you ever needed to go somewhere but didn't know the directions? Or you've had a school assignment that you forgot to write down the teacher's instructions. It can be very important to have directions and instructions to help us know what is expected of us in life. To be successful, we just can't stumble around and hope to do what's right.

There was a young man who paid a price for giving bad directions. He was injured after falling from his bike during a ride in the park. When he used his cell phone to call for help, he gave wrong directions to the ambulance dispatcher. As a result, he waited for help hours before calling back and giving better directions. Help arrived soon after and he was okay. Had his injuries been more severe, his mistake could have been quite costly.

Finding the right directions for our life is even more important. The verses you read explain that the directions found in the Word of God are useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness—basically for

directing our life and preparing us for doing right. However, it's up to us to learn God's Word and apply it correctly. Otherwise, we would be like the confused ambulance drivers that couldn't find the injured boy because they weren't using the right directions.

Most people have an opinion about the Bible. Some people try to discredit it by saying that it is merely a collection of stories thrown together over the years. Others refer to the Bible as an ancient and outdated guideline for people of another time, but no longer applicable to us. Others attempt to attack the writers with questions like, *How could all these writers know what was going on? Did God really speak to all of them?*

Paul made a point to reaffirm the validity and authority of Scripture. In the passage we read, it says "All Scripture is God-breathed." The original language that these verses were written in is Greek, and the Greek word we translate as "God-breathed" is *theopneustos*. It means that God has breathed life, His life, into the words that you find in the Bible.

That is why the Scripture is so powerful and can be trusted. It's also why it has authority. We have both the responsibility to follow Scripture and the ability to use it when deciding what is right and wrong.

The Bible is special. It's not just a collection

of made-up stories or an irrelevant history of ancient people. It's a road map from God that is designed to guide us through this life. The Scriptures, empowered by the Holy Spirit, teach us, correct us, encourage us, and train us so that we can know God's perfect directions for us.

PRAYER: God, thanks for giving us Your Word so that we can live according to Your directions and do what is right. Help me to read and memorize the Scripture so that it can be a light for my feet and a lamp lighting my path. With Your help, I can avoid trouble and be ready to do good works. In Jesus' name. Amen.



REFLECT

Form two teams and make a treasure map for the other team to follow. Depending on your leader's instructions, the map should be designed to be used either in your meeting room or outside. Draw a path to follow and a final destination marked with an *X*. Be as clear and thorough as possible with your directions. When each group has completed a map, exchange maps and try to find the location labeled *X* on the map.

As a group, discuss the importance of having good directions. Also discuss why God's directions are superior to all others.



RESPOND

Play a favorite game with your family or a group of friends. Talk about how important it is to know and follow the rules to really enjoy the game.

7-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN
 Sunday ·
 Monday ·
 Tuesday ·
 Wednesday ·
 Thursday ·
 Friday ·
 Saturday ·

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