



## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A BORN AGAIN BELIEVER – PART TWO

### HOW TO BE A PERFECTLY FURNISHED MAN OF GOD – 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

The Bible often speaks of men being \_\_\_\_\_. While this is true for every believer in Christ positionally, practically speaking we are still sinners. Yet in today's text we are told how *that the man of God may be perfect*—implying now, today. So, in this context it is used as a synonym of the words: ideal, exemplary, a model or pattern, in need of nothing else. As we have discussed in recent texts these last days are depraved and deceptive like no other time in history. The character traits manifested by the general populace is everything but holy and godly. These prevailing evil attributes press upon us every day. This is why we need to know what to do to \_\_\_\_\_ as faithful believers living in perilous times.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the things which you have *learned* and been *assured* of – 2 Timothy 3:14-15

a. Consider your sources – verse 14

- There needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ track record of the source(s) being followed  
Paul was a profitable pattern to pursue
- You must have full \_\_\_\_\_ that the things learned are proven to be true

b. Consider the Bible you trust – verse 15

- It must be *holy* scriptures
  - Preserved without \_\_\_\_\_ error
  - Withstand the test of time
  - Saved infinitely more lost souls from the pit of hell
  - Available to everyone in the common language of our planet
  - Distinguished as being unlike any other book or voice
  - Complete and holy as a \_\_\_\_\_ of a copy of a copy
- It must be an agent that makes you wise unto salvation
  - Power to pierce and penetrate the soul
  - Power to convict of sin, righteousness, and impending judgment
- It must give you \_\_\_\_\_ which is in Christ Jesus
  - Pure enough to lead a person to saving faith in Christ
  - Trustworthy enough to believe and obey, just like hearing it from Jesus Christ himself

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the *holy* scriptures – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

a. All scripture is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- And is profitable for:

Doctrine – What is right... to believe and do

Reproof – What is wrong... to believe and do

Correction – How to make things right

Instruction in righteousness – How to keep things right

- A copy of a copy of a copy... of the *holy* scriptures is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of God

The words in your copy of the *holy* Bible are inspired (God-breathed) and preserved perfectly without probable error – Gen. 42:23; Acts 21:40 thru 22:1-21; Acts 9:4-6; Acts 26:14-18

b. *Holy scriptures* make the man of God \_\_\_\_\_

- Thoroughly furnished unto all good works

As the \_\_\_\_\_ of God every believer requires furnishings throughout each room for comfort and daily living—that furniture is the word and words of God hidden deep within the heart, cherished, believed by faith, and designed to be propagated to all the world