



## 'Choosing the Right Equipment'

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

### Why do I Need the Bible?

1. To help me **know God**.
2. To teach me **the truth**.  
“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ~ John 8:32
3. To show me **how to live**.  
“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”  
~ Psalm 119:105
4. To give me **strength**.

### How to Build the Bible in My Life

1. Use it to **get knowledge**.  
“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”  
~ Hosea 4:6  
The Goal – **learn God’s word**.  
How do I learn the Bible?  
By **reading it**.
2. Use it to **gain perspective**.  
The Goal – know the **mind of God**.  
“He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.” ~ Psalm 103:7

How do I get perspective?

By **studying the Bible**.

3. Use it to **develop convictions**.

“But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”  
~ Hebrews 5:14

The Goal – share the **values of God**.

How do I get convictions?

By **meditating on God’s word**.

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” ~ Joshua 1:8

4. Use it to **sharpen my skills**.

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.” ~ Ecclesiastes 10:10

The Goal – to **do God’s will**.

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” ~ James 1:22

How do I develop skills?

By **practicing God’s word**.

5. Use it to **build my character**.

“But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.” ~ Jude 1:20

“...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” ~ Colossians 3:10

The Goal – to be **like Jesus**.