



**SERIES: JANUARY – BECOMING SPIRITUALLY FIT**

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**Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**TITLE: Is the Bible Relevant?**

Periodically, I go through my library of books and try to find a book or two I can remove because it's just not beneficial or relevant. I've held onto books about Windows 95, Disney World Trip Planning from 2005, and even Beauty Salon Management. Those books are grossly out of date or irrelevant for my life.

The problem today is many people view their Bibles like that old Windows 95 book. They think it's outdated and irrelevant. But is this true? Let's go back to the Bible for the answer. This is what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CSB):

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

In the 2000's former Back to the Bible teacher, Woodrow Kroll determined that, on average, each household has 7 Bibles, but the occupants never open them. Well, in 2022, things haven't really changed. But we know from scientific research that when people engage in God's Word four or more times per week, they will see life transformation. That is one reason why the Bible is relevant.

Now I get it. The Bible is a big book. It's an ancient book. It is over 2,000 years old and spans around 4,000 years of history. There is eye-witness testimony, genealogies, poetry, prophecy, and more kinds of writing. So it can be a bit intimidating and confusing.

But Paul nails it when he says, "The whole book from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 is profitable." It is beneficial for our souls to find salvation and peace with God. It leads to life transformation when we engage in it. When we read, reflect, and respond to it, we find correction, guidance, training, and equipping for a life pleasing to God and beneficial to the culture.

So, there is no doubt the Bible is relevant. The world is still broken and needs saving. I need help daily to live life well. My family, neighbors, and friends need their souls saved, and their lives changed.

So here's my challenge for you today: engage in God's Word fully. It's not that the Bible isn't engaging and relevant. It's that we don't engage it and therefore don't know how relevant it really is.

So today, dig a little bit deeper. What is it you need help with today? Seek God's counsel through His word. An easy way is to take or adjust your spiritual GPS in our app GoTandem. Give it a try.

When we engage in the most relevant book of all time, we will win the day.