

Evening Lesson

EQUIPPING TO SERVE

Prov. 22:20, 21

INTRO:

1. In a general sense it can be said that the Bible was written to convict sinners of sin and to equip believers for service.
2. As we look at the Life of Christ this year, we should find truths and principles that will equip us to better follow in his steps.

I. GOD'S WORD EQUIPS FOR EVANGELISM.

- A. Philip used **Isa. 53** to point the Ethiopian to Christ.
Acts 8:26-39
- B. It is the power of God for salvation. **Rom. 1:16**

II. GOD'S WORD EQUIPS FOR COUNSELING OTHERS.

- A. In his two letters to Timothy, Paul constantly urges him to preach the word of God.
1 Tim. 1:3; 4:13-15; 2 Tim. 2:1, 2, 15; 1 Tim. 4:6
- B. This is Paul's counsel to a younger preacher.

III. GOD'S WORD EQUIPS FOR USING ONE'S GIFTS FROM GOD.

- A. A gift is an ability given by God to the believer for the purpose of edifying the church and glorifying God.
- B. Paul states that a knowledge of God's word will provide the maturity we need to use our gifts in the most effective way. **Eph. 1:17-19; 4:7, 11-14**

IV. GOD'S WORD EQUIPS US FOR DOING BATTLE WITH SATAN.

- A. The Christian is engaged in spiritual warfare.
2 Cor. 10:3-6
- B. Our weapon is the word of God. **Eph. 6:10-17**

CONC:

1. We must rely on the word of God to make us strong.
2. It is only in his word that we find his will.
3. It is only through his word that we understand how to enjoy the relationship with him that can produce the success we desire as individuals and as a group.