

motherhood, life  
& the good stuff –  
being well-equipped  
by God!

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Psalm 139:10











# equip

[ih-**kwip**]

verb (used with object), **equipped**, **equipping**.

1. to furnish or provide with whatever is needed for use or for any undertaking
2. to furnish with intellectual or emotional resources; to prepare

# Being Well-Equipped by God

**All Scripture is breathed out by God  
and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness,  
that the man of God may be complete,  
EQUIPPED for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 English Standard Version (ESV)**

- Context - Paul is reflecting on the true character of the Scriptures and their value to him in ministry.
- God's written word is authoritative simply because it is God's Word.



# How Is Scripture Profitable?

- For teaching – those who teach it learn it best 😊
- For reproof & correction –  
we discipline, we make paths straight
- For training in righteousness –  
wisdom, maturity, discernment





# What Does the World Say?

- It bombards us, and our children, with a lot of messages, lifestyles and behaviors:
  - How do we define what is true, good and beautiful?
  - Whose words do we choose to live by?

We cannot develop  
a righteous  
life apart from  
God's Word...  
so let us be well-equipped!





equipped by God & His Word to:

1. elevate our view
2. change our heart
3. rest in our hope
4. find strength for each day

elevate our view





# equipped to elevate our view

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
Proverbs 9:10**

- When I fear the Lord, I am holding Him in the reverence He deserves
- Open God's Word with holy expectation – He is speaking to you!

**The Word of God is not merely a source of helpful suggestions, preventive warnings, or inspirational thoughts:**

**It is life itself!**

**~ Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God**

# and for our children...

**God commanded His people to bind His Words on their hearts, to teach them diligently to their children, and to regularly discuss them in their homes.**

**Deuteronomy 6:49**

- So essential was His Word that it was to hold a prominent place in the daily lives of His people. That stands true today as well.
- Do your children experience a world where the Word of God is central to your home?
  - Living It – Family Nights, BSF, SOAP!



**be well-equipped with an  
elevated view**

**Nothing on earth satisfies.  
Contentment is a difficult virtue. Why?  
We long to see God. That is our deepest longing.  
We won't be truly satisfied until we do.  
~Max Lucado**



change our heart



# equipped to change our heart

**For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper  
than any two-edged sword...  
and is a discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart.  
Hebrews 4:12**

- It can cause discomfort – when God's Word speaks to you, it is always for a purpose
- When our hearts are open, God makes our path straight

• Living it – Seeking Truth -1999

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Psalm 119:105**

# equipped to change our heart

**Search me oh God and know my heart.  
Psalm 139:23**

- It's more than a "want to" be in the Word; it should be a reflex, a discipline.
- With a changed heart, fully reliant on God and His Word, you can give the world what you alone were sent to give.
  - Living It – the "God Portfolio"

**How can I do the Christian life without  
time spent with God?  
~ Dr. Michael Easley**



**be well-equipped  
with a changed heart**

**Grant me never to lose sight of  
the exceeding sinfulness of sin,  
the exceeding righteousness of salvation,  
the exceeding glory of Christ,  
the exceeding beauty of holiness,  
the exceeding wonder of grace.  
~ Valley of Vision**

rest in our hope



# equipped to rest in our hope


**Be still and know I am God.  
Psalm 46:10**

- God's love letter to humanity is the Bible. We must have quality time in it to be close to Him.
- Education may fill our mind with knowledge; the only hope and true wisdom is from God. Rest in His truth.
- **SILENT --- LISTEN**
  - Be receptive to His voice
  - Expect that God has something to tell you
  - And when we pray, we apply what we've learned from His Word...make it an ongoing conversation
- Living It – audio Bible, memorizing Scripture

# equipped to rest in our hope

**I place no hope in my strength, nor in my works:  
but all my confidence in God.  
~Francois Rabelais**

- There are times, when in the darkest moments of life, the only comfort we will have is a word from God.
- When your devotion and obedience are put to the test, let Scripture comfort you.
- Living It – life challenges we face



**be well-equipped resting  
in an eternal hope**

**God's Word gives us a  
promise: our life here on  
earth exists within our truer,  
eternal life with God  
through His Son**



find strength for each day



# equipped to find strength for each day

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.**

**“They are plans for good...  
to give you a future and a hope.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11 NLT**

- It's in the day-to-day living –
  - A life built on the word of God will withstand every storm: there are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity – for you or your children.
- Navigate these ever-changing seasons of life by holding fast to our never-changing God!
  - Living it – Letters to Julia; Buzz mentoring Michael

# equipped to find strength for each day

Strength comes from a re-defined **SELF**:

**S**urrender to Christ daily


**E**mpy myself of anything that hinders doing His will

**L**ift up my heart to Him in prayer

**F**eed on His Word


**It is the law of the spiritual life that every act of trust  
makes the next act less difficult.**

**~Hannah Whithall Smith**



**be well-equipped with  
God's strength for  
each day**

**I can do all things through Christ  
who gives me strength.  
Philippians 4:13**




**So what are you doing  
with the  
Word of God?**

**You shall know the truth and  
the truth shall set you free.  
John 8:32**





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