





***If you don't put the big rocks in first,  
you'll never get them in at all.***





## 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5

1 THE KING shall joy in thy strength, O Lord: and  
in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!  
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast  
not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

An Unrelenting Commitment to the  
*Sufficiency of Scripture*

1. We believe that the Bible is EXACTLY what we need and ALL that we need to successfully live the spiritual life in the middle of DIFFICULT/PERILOUS times (3:16-17).

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- We don't mean that the Bible tells us everything that we ever need to know about everything we wonder about.
- The Bible provides everything necessary to live the spiritual life.
- The Bible provides all necessary teaching principles but does not always provide specific details.



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2. We believe that the Bible is the final AUTHORITY for what we believe and teach and that we will be held ACCOUNTABLE for that standard (3:16; 4:1).

Key Words:  
*Sufficiency*  
*Authority*

Your confidence in the *authority*  
of the Bible is directly related to  
your confidence in its *inspiration*.







**“But in vain they do worship  
me, teaching for doctrines the  
commandments of men.”**

*Matthew 5:9*



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3. We recognize the critical responsibility to communicate the WHOLE Scripture and refuse to cater to “itching ears” (4:2-5).

# Elements of Biblical Preaching

- Conviction - “reprove”
- Warning - “rebuke”
- Appeal - “exhort”
- Patience - “with all longsuffering”



## Unfortunately, Many will not Listen

- They will bail out THEOLOGICALLY “they will not endure sound doctrine.”
- They will seek teachers who will tell them what they WANT to hear “after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”
- They will abandon TRUTH for the latest religious fads “they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”