

**SHARPENING THE SWORD**  
**Maximizing the Impact of the Word of God in Teaching.**  
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2 Timothy 3: 16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 4: 11-15 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature, which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.

**Why I LOVE TO TEACH FROM THE WORD OF GOD.**

- It's God's Word. That makes it better than anyone else's.
- It's inspired by God. Which is more inspiring than I can be.
- It's useful to teach with. What my job is.
- It's the training for righteousness. Can't be righteous without it.
- It prepares for God's work. With more authority than I can.
- It is absolutely truthful. Which is more than I can be.
- It provides the knowledge necessary to keep from being deceived.

**WHAT IT ALLOWS:**

**A Solid Foundation**

- Foundations determine the size of the building.
- Foundations impact the quality of the structure.
- Foundations are not what people see.

**Variety**

- In your focus
- In your content
- In your style

**WHAT TO MAKE SURE OF:**

- That you honor the word and it's author.
- That you keep the author's intent above your own.
- That you do not quote other sources as though equal.
- That you don't make it more complex than it is.