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One Of A Kind Book
2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

Ecclesiastes 1:12 was a favorite verse as I was going through years of school— *“Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.”* Now and then someone has encouraged me to write a book, and my usual response is, “there are enough books.” And among them all, one is unlike any other.

I. Our Bible is one-of-a-kind as the result of a unique PROCESS, 2 Peter 1:21.

II. The process resulted in a one-of-a-kind PRODUCT, 2 Timothy 3:16.

The importance, transforming power and effectiveness of the Bible goes beyond any other book because of its unique nature as God’s Word to us. As the Psalmist said, it is more desirable than gold! (Psalm 19:10) And as Jesus said (quoting Moses), it is more necessary than food (Matthew 4:4)!



Count the number of books in your house—make it a family project! Then have each family member share which book (other than the Bible) is most important to them and why. Then remember together what is unique about the Bible, and why it is truly the most important book of all.

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion:

1. In the book of 2 Peter, the apostle is anticipating his approaching death.

--What knowledge is he most concerned about getting firmly established in the minds of the believers he is shepherding (2 Peter 1:2)?

--What “things” (referred to in 1:15) is he wanting them to be able to recall?

--What outcomes are anticipated in recalling these things (1:8; 10-11)?

--What is the “more fully confirmed” resource they can turn to, and how has it been confirmed (1:16-18).

--What visual picture does he use to describe what happens when one pays careful attention to that resource (1:19)?

--Describe a time when that resource (Scripture) brought about this kind of “light” as you paid attention to it.

2. Discuss the difference between the “inspired” Word of God (see the ESV translation of 2 Timothy 3:16) and other works that are called “inspired”.

--Why does the nature of the Bible as “God-breathed” make it a legitimate resource for the things it is said to be “profitable” for?

--Teaching

--Reproof

--Correction

--Training in righteousness

--Give some examples of Scripture working to these ends in your life.

--What ultimate outcomes are anticipated as Scripture does its work in a life (2 Timothy 3:17)?

--Why is this work in an individual significant in the larger scope of God’s Kingdom?

NEXT WEEK: Understanding the Word, 2 Timothy 2:15