

READ AND HEED”

II Timothy 3:14-17

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For the month of January, New Castle will be considering some of the spiritual disciplines. The discipline we'll begin with this morning is foundational to them all as we are to be people who Read and Heed God's Holy Word. We are people of the Book.

There are quite a number of spiritual disciplines – Prayer, Worship, Silence and Solitude, Fasting, Meditation, etc. Let's take a better look at God's Word from what Paul wrote to Timothy.

I. The Bible speaks of a PROCESS (II Timothy 3:14-15)

II. The Bible tells of a PURPOSE (II Timothy 3:15-16)

The Scriptures are given to us for:

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III. The Bible informs us of God's intended PRODUCT (II Timothy 3:17)

Listen to a story that comes right out of New Castle's history. Where did the name New Castle BIBLE Church come from? How did we get there? Are we living up to our name? Could you discipline yourself to know the Bible better by this time next year?

If you'd care to know something more about spiritual disciplines, give some thought to reading one of these books:

- *Spiritual Disciplines* by Foster
- *The Spirit of the Disciplines* by Willard
- *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by Hughes
- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Whitney
- *Habits of Grace* by Mathis (pick of the litter)