

shelf and just say Look at it, it is all true, every word of it is true, I believe it is all inspired. The fact that it is inspired means that God put into it what God wants us to get out of it. It means that he put there what we need, since it is inspired it is profitable. Paul is not here trying to tell people that scripture is inspired, they all know that. Christians have known that from the beginning. That is nothing new. The Jews believed it, that the entire Old Testament was inspired and free from error. He is not giving them a new idea. He is stressing the fact that it is all profitable, that it is all useful, that it is all needs to be studied, and he is giving the reason for that it, it is profitable because it is all inspired of God, and of course if you take it all in context, the verses before tells Timothy how fortunate he is that verse 15 says, that from a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, for every scripture, being inspired of God is also profitable, and in other words, Timothy, you have known these scriptures, and these scriptures, which Timothy has known, are able to make thee wise unto salvation, and since these scriptures are inspired, every portion of them is of value, is of benefit, is important for the one who is to be truly the man of God. So when it says scripture here in the American Standard Version here, it is not saying that those parts of scripture that are inspired, and inspired are profitable, and those that are not are not profitable. It is saying every part of the scripture, is profitable and that scripture which is he is talking about is that collection of books that which Timothy was brought up to understand is the word of God, in other words talking about the Old Testament, and of course the New Testament gives us abundant evidence that what he here says about the Old Testament.