The Bible is the foundation of all that we believe here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission. We believe that everything found within its pages is put there both to glorify God and to show us the proper way to live. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, **"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."** This can put us at odds many times with the world and its way of thinking and living. Following God's Word and instructing our residents to do the same is not usually the most popular thing to do, but it is the only thing that has an eternal impact on their lives.

Looking at theses verses in a bit more detail; we see that Paul was addressing Timothy specifically, but Christians in general. The first thing that we strive to do here is to make sure that every guest hears the Gospel when they come to stay with us. This is done through daily chapel services, one on one conversation; tracts and any other way that we can think of to share the Good News of Jesus. If we begin dealing with particular sinful habits and lifestyles before the Gospel, we might end up with a former drunk who no longer drinks, but is still headed to Hell. The Gospel is essential to any kind of a new beginning. We need Jesus to save us from our sins and make us new before there is any hope of getting rid of our sinful past.

The New Life Program is designed for those men and women who have already come to faith in Christ and are now looking at building a new foundation for their life with Jesus. We currently have three women and two men on the New Life Program with many other inquiries daily. These folks are hungry for the Scripture and are working through the process of allowing the Word of God to penetrate their life and challenge them to think, talk and act differently than they used to.

Notice that verse 17 says that the Scripture makes a man complete and equipped for every good work. We often think that we need Jesus plus something else or we try to add Christianity and the Bible to what we have been doing in life so far. Scripture makes it clear that we need only the Scripture, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to show us how to live. One of the cries of the Reformation was, "Sola Scriptura" or Scripture alone. We do not need to add to or take away from what God has given us in His Word.

Do not forget about the 17th Annual Book Sale that is coming up on August 22-25 at the Stables Event Center in Norfolk. Thousands of books in many categories are going to be available for you to shop and help support the ongoing ministry of the Norfolk Rescue Mission! Doors open on August 22nd at 5pm! Please check out our Facebook page for all of the details.

We are trying to be more active on social media lately. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X for the latest on what is going on here from day to day.

For His Glory,

Roxann Fox