

THE RIGHT TOOL

-Ryan Parsons-

The other day I was laughing with someone about the innumerable times I accidentally stabbed myself in the hand with a screwdriver as I was using it for a task for which it wasn't designed. Throughout my lifetime, this has been a recurring theme. The right tool for the job is a blessing you can only realize after a failed attempt with the wrong tool. For years my father used to scold me for all the tools I stole from him. I borrowed them in the first place because I didn't own the right tool myself and couldn't afford what I needed. Since the fire, I have been reminded how blessed it is to own the correct tools. On multiple jobs over the last year, I have had to take a step back, stop trying to use the wrong tool, and drive over to Lowes to purchase the tool I needed to complete the task successfully. Not only does the right tool help you do the job right, but it makes you a million times more efficient, takes less time to finish the job, and leads to a very clean product.

The journey of faith is no different. Scripture encourages us not only to know but to act upon the knowledge of God and the Lordship of Jesus. Using the wrong tools (the world's way of doing things) always leads to disaster and disappointment. It is like using a screwdriver as a hammer. Thankfully, God has offered us the right tool for the job. For every good work we are to complete and every act of obedience, the Word is ready to be deployed. It is prepared at a moment's notice and is perfect for equipping us. There is no sense in bringing the world's wisdom to the building project (Matthew 7:24-27) when we have the God-breathed Word of God at our disposal.

2 Timothy 3

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Blessings in your building,

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