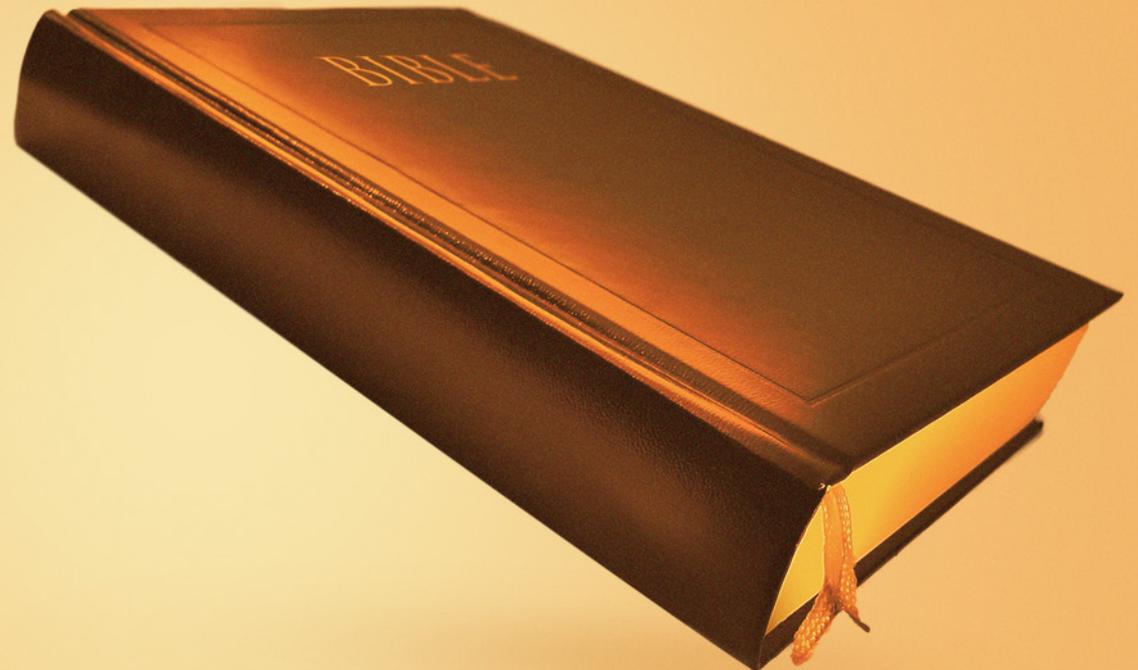


**How do you feel
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“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

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“If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord’s commandment.”

- 1 Corinthians 14:37



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“as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.”

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The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

- 1 Timothy 5:17-18



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- It claims to come from God.
- It claims to be profitable.

“for teaching” (vs. 16)

“for reproof” (vs. 16)

“for correction” (vs. 16)

“for training in righteousness” (vs. 16)

“so that the man of God may be adequate,
equipped for every good work” (vs. 17)



What if this claim is true?

- It means that God loves us.
- It means that God has expectations.
- It means that God is going to hold us accountable.



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