

Isa 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Ingredients of a biblical philosophy of ministry...

- I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD**
- II. A RIGHT VIEW OF MAN**
- III. A RIGHT VIEW OF SCRIPTURE**

SOLA SCRIPTURA

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Five Solas of the Reformation...

1. *Sola Gratia* – by grace alone
2. *Sola Fide* – through faith alone
3. *Solus Christus* – in Christ alone
4. *Soli Deo Gloria* – for the glory of God alone
5. *Sola Scriptura* – all based on Scripture alone

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Matt 4:4 - It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "
(which is Dt 8:3).

Isa 45:23 - The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness...

2 Pet 1:21 - 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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John 14:26 – the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

2 Cor 12:12 - The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

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*James 2:23 - and the Scripture was fulfilled which says,
“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS
RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God.*

*John 20:9 - For as yet they did not understand the
Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.*

E.J. YOUNG – *If Paul means EVERY Scripture, he is looking at the various parts of the Bible, that is, he is considering Scripture distributively. He is then saying that no matter which Scripture we consider, it is inspired of God. On the other hand, if he means ALL Scripture, it is clear that his reference is to the Scripture in its entirety. In either case he is saying that WHATEVER may be called Scripture is inspired of God. If EVERY Scripture is inspired, ALL Scripture must be inspired also...*

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Psa 1:1–3 – 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

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3. BECAUSE OF ITS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE

17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 2:21 - ... if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

Titus 3:1 - Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed...

Isa 5:20-21 - Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!

1 Thes 2:13 - ...the word of God...performs its work in you who believe.

Jer 15:16 - Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart...

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 5:24 - Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.