EGF-2: The Inspired Word of God

- 1. Is the Bible inspired by God or is it a book of fables? 2 Peter 1:16, 21.
- 2. What claim does the Bible make about itself? 2 Timothy 3:16.
- 3. Why is the Bible important to us? 1 Corinthians 10:11; Psalms 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:15, 17
- 4. What has God included in His word to help build confidence in its divine inspiration? Isaiah 42:9; Isaiah 46:9-10.
- 5. Of whom does the Bible testify? Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39.
- 6. What does the Bible say we should do with God's word? Psalms 119:11.
- 7. What are some other reasons for studying God's word? Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16.
- 8. As we comprehend or assimilate God's word, what will it do for us? Jeremiah 15:16; Romans 15:4; 1 Timothy 4:16.
- 9. Numerous times the phrase: 'the word of God' has been mentioned in our study. Who does the Bible say IS the word of God? John 1:1-5, 14.
- 10. Can it be dangerous to base our doctrinal beliefs upon just one verse of Scripture? Hebrews 6:18; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Isaiah 28:9-10; Deuteronomy 19:15; 2 Corinthians 13:1; 1 John 5:8.

11. How important is it to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit before we study the Bible? John 14:26; John 16:13.

12. Is it really safe to accept someone else's conviction as to what constitutes truth? Jeremiah 17:5; Isaiah 30:1; 2 Timothy 2:15.

"God has given us His word that we may become acquainted with its teachings and know for ourselves what He requires of us... It is not enough to have good intentions; it is not enough to do what a man thinks is right or what the minister tells him is right. His soul's salvation is at stake, and he should search the Scriptures for himself. However strong may be his convictions, however confident he may be that the minister knows what is truth, this is not his foundation. He has a chart pointing out every waymark on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything. It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God." White, The Great Controversy, p598.