

# The Bible Shouldn't Be Taken So Literally

Series: Spiritual Bigfoots: Disproving the Myths

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**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:10-17

**10**You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, **11**persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. **12**In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, **13**while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15**and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## Outline

1. What does most of America believe about the credibility of the Bible? What factors have affected this view?
2. What do most believers believe about the credibility of God's word? What factors have affected the church?
3. True revelation of the scriptures leads to salvation in Christ. What are your thoughts on this statement? How does one get true revelation? (Matthew 7:7)
4. Standing strong in the faith we believe will be hard and get even harder. What factors will make standing strong even more difficult in the future?
5. John 14:6 is the passage where Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." What keeps Christians from being able to proclaim this boldly to the world? Do we really believe that?
6. To finish your race, you must be equipped for every good work. How can we as believers seek be equipped to share Christ to a lost world?
7. To stand strong, we must:
  - a. Defen and protect the Gospel.
  - b. Proclaim the Gospel.
  - c. Live out the Gospel.
  - d. Suffer for the Gospel.

Which of these is the greatest challenge to you?

