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Spiritual growth occurs as we <u>sink</u> roots <u>deep</u> into scripture

Psalm 119:1-40 New Living Translation (NLT)

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2 Timothy 3:15-17 New Living Translation (NLT)

15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

We can be confident in the <u>infallibility</u> of God's word

Infallibility is a term with a variety of meanings related to knowing truth with certainty.

2 Peter 1:16-21 New Living Translation (NLT)

16 For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes 17 when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." 18 We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-21 New Living Translation (NLT) (Cont.)

19 Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, **21** or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

Always Being Open, Ready, Willing to ...

