

A Profitable Life

the Rewards of Christian Living

Dr. Allen R. McFarland
Sunday, September 14, 2008



Calvary Evangelical Baptist Church
205 Gust Lane • Portsmouth, VA 23701
757.485.3658 // <http://www.calvaryevangelical.org>

Dr. Allen R. McFarland
Sunday, September 14, 2008

A Profitable Life Is A Life That Is:

- Advantageous
- Beneficial
- Gainful
- Useful
- Valuable
- Worthwhile
- Helpful

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV
- “Mahatma Gandhi has been identified as one of the most influential men of this century. This Hindu leader brought democracy to the nation of India. He was a man who had at one time seriously considered converting to Christianity. After studying Christianity and Christians, Gandhi is reported to have said, “I would be a Christian, if it were not for Christians.” He failed to see the principles of the Bible lived out in the lives of Christians.

Christians are told to shine as lights to the world.

- Col 4:5-6 - 5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, *redeeming the time*.
- 6 Let your speech always be *with grace*, seasoned *with salt*, that you may know how you ought to *answer* each one.

You only grow When you know The Word

The Basis for Christian Living is the Word of God. The Word of God is Inspired.

- The Inspiration of Scriptures - Definition of Inspiration: Paul uses the Greek word “*theopneustos*,” to communicate the idea of “God breathing out” the Scriptures. “Theopneustos is a compound word, “Theos (God) and pneo (pneh'-o); a primary word; to breathe hard, or wind, i.e. breeze: The Greek word for Spirit is “pneuma,” which comes from “pneo.” John 3:8 uses wind and 2 Thes. 2:8 breath; John 4:23, 24

uses the word Spirit.

- Inspired Guidance, 2 Pet. 1:21.
- Inspired Writers, Rev. 2:1—3:22
- Inspired Words, 1 Cor. 2:12, 13
- Inspired Author
- Inspired Accuracy
- Inspired Authority

“All Scriptures is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for:

- Doctrine
- Reproof
- Correction
- Righteousness

Psalm 119:18

- Open my eyes that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law. NKJV

**We need our eyes open
because of:**

- Blindness of unbelief,
 - 1 John 2:11
 - Isaiah 9:2
 - John 3:3
 - 2 Corinthians 4:3,4
 - Colossians 1:10

**We need our eyes open
because of:**

- Hardness of heart
 - John 1:11
 - Romans 11:25, 26
 - 2 Corinthians 3:14, 15

