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Restoring Foundations

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

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2 PETER 1:20-21

“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 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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HEBREWS 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

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MILES COVERDALE

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CHARLES SPURGEON

“A Bible that’s falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t.”



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EZRA 7:1

“Now after these things...”



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KEY PHRASE

“The hand of the Lord.”

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“The hand of God” is a symbol of God’s guidance, instruction, and discipline.

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A person's record was greater than gold for any Jew.

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EZRA 7:6

“The king granted him all he requested..”

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FROM EZRA 7:6A

That word *skilled*, or literally ‘rapid’, suggests a quickness of grasp and ease of movement amid this complex material.

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Because of the scriptures, he would have known that God had a special place and plan for Jerusalem.



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EZRA 7:10

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

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FROM EZRA 7:10

This expression, “set his heart”, is full of the most intense meaning. It wasn’t just an intellectual understanding of the Bible, but it was a moving conviction that would orient his entire way of living.

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True and lasting reform came in the form of teaching and implementing Scripture.

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- The approach and application of Scripture: study, practice, teach.
 - His teaching was not shallow or insincere because it came from a life of consistency and accuracy due to the fact that his life was anchored in a sure knowledge of God.

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