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## ROTC Life and Faith

### Training

Training is a focal point of your time in ROTC. This training includes your character, skills, emotions, etc... You are becoming what others are training you to be.

**Being a good cadet/midshipman and disciple of Christ requires training.**

How will being in ROTC develop you into the kind of person you want to be?

What can the cadre do to help you develop into the kind of person you want to be?

How does God train us to be the kind of people He wants us to be?



Being a good cadet/midshipman and being in a relationship with Christ both require training. The kind of person you will become is greatly affected by whom you are allowing to train you. Jesus tells us that those who wish to follow Him must allow the Scriptures to train them. How am I to allow the Scriptures to train me? How do the Scriptures train me?

Let's look at how the Scriptures train us to become what God wants us to be.

## I. Being trained by God requires a regular study of God's Word.

John 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue (abide) in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

### **Abide**

Remain, continue in the realm or sphere in which you find yourself.

What does it mean to continue (abide) in His word?

Abiding is a relationship and a responsibility.

Relationship - Love, Know

Responsibility - Obey

John 15:5-15

Why is abiding in the Word of God vital to abiding with Jesus?

How will abiding in the Word of God help you to know, love, and obey Jesus?

In what ways are you different because you are immersed daily in the culture of the military? (words, habits, friends, character, etc.)

If you have enough faith to trust those who train you in the military, how much more should you trust your regular training in life to the Word of God?

What keeps you from spending time regularly in God's Word?

When would be a good time for you to spend time in God's Word?

**If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, it requires a regular study of God's Word.**



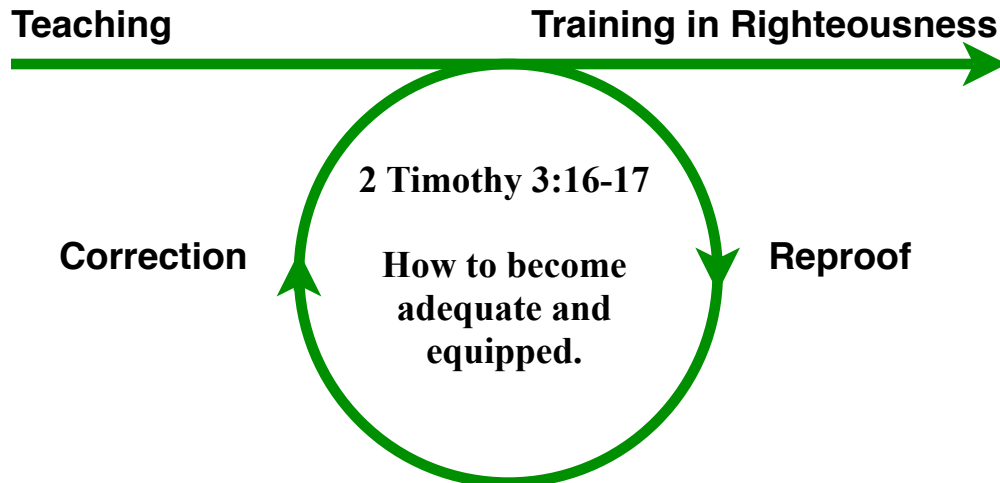
## II. Being trained by God requires understanding how His Word trains us.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“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.”

Scripture is profitable for four things. This is our template for studying the Scriptures. Let us look at what these four things mean and how to use them to study the Scriptures.

- ➔ **Teaching** - What is the subject of the passage? What is the issue being addressed? The subject might be a character issue, a skill, an attitude or action.
- ➔ **Reproof** - To expose a wrong. What wrong attitude or action might the Scriptures be exposing in your life?
- ➔ **Correction** - To show us how to have the right attitude or action. What do I need to do to have the right attitude or action about the issue being addressed?
- ➔ **Training in Righteousness** - How do I apply this to my life now? How can I take the truth and apply it to my life so that I live rightly?



Think about how the cadre train you. They have a list of skills and character traits they want to **teach** you. As they are teaching you, they **expose** poor skills and character issues in your life. They then show you how to **correct** these issues so that you can live **rightly** as a cadet/midshipman. The Scriptures do the same in your life. Allow yourself to be trained by the Word.

How can you study the Scriptures so that you can become adequate and equipped to do every good work? Use the following Bible Study method to help you to abide in God’s word by allowing it to teach, reprove, correct, and train you.

### III. Being trained by God requires a regular study of God's Word

Let's apply what we know about how God's word trains us to use as a template for studying God's word.

Pick a passage to study. Fill out the following table.  
Try it with Philippians 2:3–5.

<b>Text</b> _____
Teaching (What is the subject?)
Rebuke (What is wrong with my actions or attitudes?)
Correction (How do I fix my wrong actions or attitudes?)
Training in Righteousness (What does this look like in my life?)

What will you do this week to live out the truths found in this passage?

#### Personal Reflection

List 3–5 reasons why you desire to be trained by God's Word?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### **Study Method**

Use this chart as a method to study God's Word on a regular basis.