16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly **equipped for every good work**." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Yesterday, I called a friend of mine in Southern California and asked him what a good cordless power drill would be. His first question was, "what are you going to use it for?" I wasn't exactly sure, but I told him that the Dewalt cordless drill that I had purchased 10 years ago was no longer working.

Have you ever shopped in a large hardware store like Home Depot or Lowe's? Some of the larger hardware stores have any tool you could ever possibly think of using. In fact, they probably have many tools you never even thought of using. Whatever work you want to do, they have tools for, whether it be laying tile, fixing a clogged sink, or planting a garden.

Hardware stores are great places to find tools for physical work, but where do we get the tools for doing spiritual work? Instead of planting a garden, you may need to plant seeds of truth in a friend's heart. Or instead of fixing a sink, you may need help to fix a broken relationship. The wonderful news is that God gives us the tools to do any spiritual work He may ask us to do. Not only that, but God also gives us the knowledge and ability to use these tools.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 the apostle Paul tells us that God's Word is useful, **"useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."**

Thought For Today: God's Word is the most useful tool at our disposal to accomplish the spiritual work that God has called us to. In what ways has God's Word been useful to you? In what ways do you need to be equipped by God's Word to do his Will and Work?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for His Word. Pray that El Estero will be a church of God's Word and that we will use it to be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Deo Volente.