I. The Bible is...

A. God breathed writings

2Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God (God breathed) 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.

B. By Spirit moved writers

2Pet 1:20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 2Pet 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. Inspiration is the supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit who, through the different personalities and literary styles of the chosen human authors, invested the very words of the original 66 books of Holy Scripture, alone and in their entirety, as the very word of God without error in all that they teach and is thereby the infallible rule and final authority for faith and practice of all believers.

C. Truth John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

D. Trustworthy Prov 30:5 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

E. Reliable Matt 26:54 "How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"

F. Perfect

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

G. Priceless

Psalm 19:10 They [the commandments of the Lord] are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19:11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

H. Imperishable

Isa 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

II. The Bible has...

A. Authority

Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

B. Power

Heb 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.

Jer 23:29 "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

III. The Bible will...

A. Save the lost

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

B. Grow the saved

1Pet 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

C. Protect against sin

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

D. Cleanse the sinner

John 15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

E. Give us guidance

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

F. Give us insight

Psalm 119:99 I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

G. Give us understanding

Psalm 119:130 The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

H. Give us love in our hearts

1Tim 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

I. Give us joy in our souls

Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

J. Give us peace in our minds

Psalm 119:165 Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.

K. Gives us hope to endure

Rom 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

IV. The Bible cannot...

A. Be broken

John 10:35 "... the Scripture cannot be broken,"

B. Be stopped

Matt 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Matt 5:18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

C. Be in error

Matt 22:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God."

D. Fail

Isa 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Ps 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Ps 1:3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

1. Fruitful

- 1. Fruitful
- 2. Durable

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- 2. Durable
- 3. Prospering

Ps 1:4-6 The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.