

## Question 7: What is the authority of the Bible over my life?

### Short answer

The authority of the Bible means that, because it comes from God, the Bible has the right to guide what we believe and how we live: it is our true rule for faith and conduct.

### Explanation

“Authority” means that someone has the right to tell you what is true and what is right. The Bible has authority because it is not only a book of advice: it is the Word of God. This means that, when the Bible speaks clearly, we do not place it on the same level as opinions, trends, or the feelings of the moment.

The authority of the Bible is not meant to “crush” people, but to protect us and guide us. God knows how we are made and knows what is good for us. That is why the Bible:

- shows us who God is and how to trust Him,
- corrects us when we are wrong,
- helps us choose what is good even when it is difficult,
- teaches us to love God and people in the right way.

Having the Bible as authority does not mean being perfect right away. It means choosing to listen to God: read, understand, and then put into practice—asking God for help when it is difficult; making mistakes is human and is accepted.

### Reference verses

- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** — “All Scripture is inspired by God... useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting... so that the man of God may be complete...”
- **Psalms 119:105** — “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- **James 1:22** — “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only...”

### In simple words

The Bible has authority because it comes from God. This means it is like a true guide: it tells us what is right, what is wrong, and how to live well. When the Bible speaks clearly, we listen to it more than other people’s opinions or trends.