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HOW TO CHANGE

✓ I must know the _____.

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and the **cares** of this world, the **deceitfulness** of riches, and the **desires** for other things **entering in choke the word**, and it **becomes unfruitful**. But these are the ones sown on **good ground**, those **who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit**: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to **make us realize what is wrong in our lives**. It **corrects us** when we are wrong and **teaches us** to do what is right. God uses it to **prepare and equip his people to do every good work**.

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