How to Answer

Question 18: How Have You Been Convicted by this Study?

The second attribute mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 is conviction.

- 1. Review your answer to Question 17 and ask the Holy Spirit to **clearly show you the area where God desires improvement**. Write down any command, example, or anything else from this study He brings to your attention as you pray.
- 2. If appropriate, acknowledge what you're doing and how it falls short of God's standard.

 Be careful not to beat yourself up about this, though. If you've accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are a beloved child of God—no other performance requirements need be met for salvation.

Hints & Hacks

- The purpose of this question is to identify personal opportunities to walk in the good works God has created for us (Ephesians 2:10). He already knows where we fall short, and He loves us anyway. Our stature before Him doesn't change when we admit our failings.
- Consider *commands*, *curses*, conditional *promises*, and *warnings* you identified in the text with Question 8. Which of these suggest something for you to change?
- Remember God is our perfect Parent, and His ultimate desire for us is to draw nearer to Him through Jesus and the work of the Spirit in our hearts, not through our own strength or performance.