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3. The Response Level (See Jeremiah 15:16)
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The Word of God is profitable for...

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2. Rebuking (what's not right)
3. Correcting (how to get right)
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