

Never Stop Learning

*“Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!
Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.
I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.”
Psalm 119:5-7 (NIV)*

Today I had a coffee with a fine Christian that I only met briefly once before. I enjoyed our conversation as I witnessed his eager spirit and strong desire to learn more about being a Christian and have the truth learned implemented in his life.

I spoke about the need to reflect on Scripture and memorize it. Having God’s Word in our hearts is like carrying a flashlight along a dark road. The Bible is likened to a flashlight in Psalm 119:105 (NIV) “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

Every time my new friend asked a question about something I sought to answer by referring to Scripture. In other words I sought to use the Bible as a light to shine on the matter that was dark for him.

Our verses for today call on us to learn the commandments, the precepts, and the laws of the Lord. Only as we fill our minds with Scripture can we adequately face life and resist the temptations to evil.

The Bible depicts people who do not learn from Scripture – and do not follow its teaching – as those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death (Psalm 107:14; Matthew 4:16; Luke 1:76-79).

Jesus called Himself the Light of the world (John 8:12). He assured His listeners that if they followed Him they would not walk in darkness but have the light of life. This is why it is so important that we keep on learning about Jesus and becoming more and more obedient to Him.

Our good works will

never save us (Ephesians 2:8-9). But our good works will prove our identity as Christians (Matthew 7:15-17; Ephesians 2:10). As my new friend expressed his desire for his works to measure up to his words, I recognized that God was in him urging him on to a closer and closer conformity to the character of Jesus.

May you resolve today to pursue learning more and more about the teaching of Scripture. May you find within a stronger impulse to imitate Jesus more and more in your daily walk. We shall never reach perfection in this life but we can get closer each day as we never stop learning.

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