

A Berean for Life

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Introduction

- 1) An interesting aspect of the Sermon on the Mount
 - a) People were learning new things and must be willing to change past practices from “what they had been told”
- 2) There is always more for us to learn
- 3) A few examples of people who, upon learning greater truths, changed their lives
 - a) Joseph of Arimathea
 - b) Luke
 - c) Paul
 - d) Phebe

Bereans practice continuous learning

- 1) Continuous learning
 - a) We can be confident that God will help us learn

Psalm 25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Psalm 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 3:11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof,

Proverbs 4:11 I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of

uprightness.

- 2) Wisdom does not come automatically with age

Job 32:8 But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.

Job 32:9 It is not the old who are wise, nor the aged who understand what is right.

- 3) The Christian faith is not a finite course of study for the front-end of adulthood
- 4) We are lifelong learners

Ephesians 3:18 may have strength to comprehend [eagerly possess] with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to know [absolutely know] the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Consider these basic keys for lifelong learning

- 1) Sources for learning God's will for me
 - a. The Bible - our only source for faith and practice
 - b. Listening to that still, small voice
 - c. Personal conversations
 - d. Books
 - e. Classes and workshops
 - f. Recordings
- 2) Give yourself space and redeem your spare time
- 3) Resist veg'n out
- 4) Be resolved to be a lifelong learner

A Berean remembers these promises

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Psalm 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.