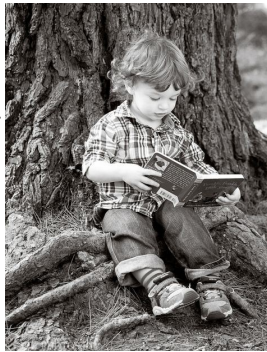


# The Bulwark

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## ALWAYS CONTINUE TO LEARN

Many of us are voracious readers, opting to shake off the urge to “veg out” watching television or playing video games, to enjoy the joy found in the pages of a book. The passion for reading can usually be traced back to childhood. In the second letter Paul wrote to Timothy he reminded him of the following. *“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing when you learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* (3:14-15)



Paul noted in the first chapter of 2Timothy, that Timothy’s grandmother and mother were the ones who first introduced the Scriptures to him, *“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure it is in you as well.”* (1:5) Now as an adult, it was incumbent on Timothy to nurture that seed and grow with respect to knowledge.

Knowledge cannot remain static, it either grows or withers. As seen in Hebrews, chapter five. *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of*

*God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”* (v.12)

There should exist within every christian a rapt desire to learn more about our spiritual life. Moreover, it should be a delight to each one as it opens up door after door of understanding and awareness. While individual reading and study is worthwhile, there can be additional benefit to be derived by the insight and encouragement offered by others. Think back to “study groups” when in school. Consider those in Berea, who proved themselves to be “noble-minded” as *“they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.”* (Acts 17:11)

*“Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”* (1Peter 2:2) Longing was referred to as “sehnsucht” by C.S. Lewis, which is a German word defined as being a yearning or craving. Some psychologists use the word to represent thoughts and feelings about all facets of life that are unfinished. As long as we live, there must be a desire to press ever forward, realizing that in short, we are a work in progress. *“Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity...”* (Hebrews 6:1)

Solomon noted, *“The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on folly.”* (Proverbs 15:14) Deep within each one, needs to be a burning desire for knowledge. The benefits to be derived are incalculable. *“How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.”* (Proverbs 3:13)

The author of the 111th psalm succinctly wrote, *“Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them.”* (v2) A yearning for learning. It is never too late to develop the ardent love for knowledge. Dust off the Bible that sits on the end table. Open it up and drink in the cornucopia of truth, wisdom and knowledge found therein. (wbe)

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