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Rhythms of Grace. Learning, The Lifelong Journey

A well-known idiom familiar to most; ‘You learn something new every day’, which many have suggested would be better expressed as ‘you *should* learn something new every day’. This applies across the board in all things, including the Christian faith we profess to follow, no matter our age or experience. Of course, we need to be willing to learn, to add to our existing knowledge and be open to consider alternatives from our current understanding. We need to remind ourselves constantly of God’s infinite greatness (the source of all wisdom) when compared to our finite smallness.

Reflect

Read James 1:19-25

James, an epistle full of practical theology, begins this section with a recommendation of how best to mentally approach each day, if we are to gain the best from all that the day offers. Working from the foundation of “humbly accepting the word planted in you”, it would be foolish (or worse) not to allow that God given wisdom to guide our behaviour and actions. James emphasises that this is the needed ongoing daily approach to life because this brings freedom (see 2 Corinthians 17-18).

Read Psalm 1:1-6

The author paints a beautiful picture of life’s delights and blessings to be enjoyed by believers who immerse themselves in and follows the word of God. He sets this against the life wasted by following the wrong path.

Respond

Through this series, Rhythms of Grace, we have pointed to the benefits of using rhythm to form good habits in order to best appreciate God’s grace. This week we consider our eagerness to maintain a desire to keep learning, to move our head knowledge of God’s word into our hearts and our actions. James goes on later in his epistle to say, “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:17). Are we really open to learn more from God’s word and from living life as a follower of Jesus?

Thoughts to dwell on this week

> ***“I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible.”*** *(D L Moody)*
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> ***Every day is a school day.***
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> ***"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."****(Brian Herbert)*
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> ***“Reading the Bible without meditating on it is like trying to eat without swallowing.”*** *(unknown)*
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> ***There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.*** *(Willa Cather)*
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> ***How eager are you to make sure you read the Bible daily?***

Prayer: Grant unto us, O merciful God, knowledge and true understanding of thy Word, that we may know what thy will is, and also may show forth in our lives those things that we do know; that we be not only knowers of thy Word, but also doers of the same; by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (unknown)